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SUBJECT: Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week

For the past six years, we have highlighted acquisition excellence initiatives through special activities, including Acquisition and Logistics Excellence Week. The emphasis that these activities placed on Department of Defense and industry initiatives to change business as usual yielded excellent results. Acquisition and Logistics Excellence (A&LE) Week has been institutionalized throughout the Department.

In light of these successes, I have decided that instead of a DoD-wide A&LE Week, each Service, Agency and organization should select a time during the year to focus on acquisition and logistics excellence to share implementation successes and challenges, and to determine how best these successes can be applied to their respective missions. Your organization should design their own activities. Those activities may include: case studies, discussion of lessons learned, panels, speeches, classes, simulations, etc. The Defense Acquisition University will support your efforts within their available resources by conducting training at the new or expanded campuses located where the highest population of our DoD-wide Acquisition,Technology and Logistics workforce resides (i.e., Ft. Belvoir, Wright-Patterson, Pax River, Huntsville and San Diego). As we work as a team, we should train as a team to accelerate implementation of our acquisition and logistics initiatives.

Traditionally, the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Team Awards were presented during the Kick-off Ceremony for A&LE Week activities. Although I will not be conducting a formal DoD A&LE Week Kick-off event, I am very committed to recognizing and rewarding our top performing teams for acquisition excellence in the Department. Therefore, I will hold a separate David Packard Awards ceremony to present these awards in the June time frame that will include the senior leadership in the Department. This time frame may be a good point for initiation for your own A&LE Week activities.

We are making good progress in acquisition and logistics excellence but much still needs to be done. I encourage your organizations to embrace business transformation by accelerating implementation of our many acquisition initiatives to ensure we are all working to provide affordable capability to our warfighters more quickly.

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