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MEMORANDUM

From: Program Executive Officer, Integrated Warfare Systems

Subj: REQUIREMENT TO EMPLOY OPEN ARCHITECTURE CONTRACT
GUIDEBOOK

Ref: (a) OA Contract Guidebook, Ver 1.1, Oct 2007

1. Purpose. To provide direction to PEO IWS Program Managers and Contracting Officers on the use of reference (a).

2. Information.

a. In Oct 2007, I signed out Version 1.1 of the Open Architecture (OA) Contract Guidebook. This government-only guide contains information and recommended contract language to assist Program Managers (PMs) and Contracting Officers in drafting requests and contracts that ensure the products delivered meet the Navy's standards for OA development.

b. A 'Statement A' version of the OA Contract Guidebook is accessible at the OA website (<https://acc.dau.mil/oa>) to allow potential offerors insight into the Navy's OA principles and goals, without the sensitive portions contained in the government-only version.

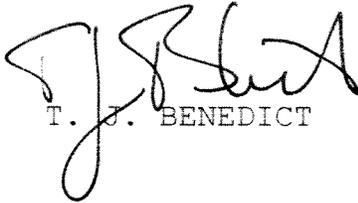
3. Action.

a. All PEO IWS PMs and Contracting Officers are directed to become familiar with reference (a) and employ its principles in all future program development. This includes, but is not limited to, using its recommended contract language in requests for information, requests for proposal, and all contracts. The OA principles and considerations contained in the guidebook shall be an additional consideration in the determination of contract award. The Milestone Decision Authority (MDA) will use the PEO and PM questions contained in Appendices 5 and 6 of the Guidebook to determine OA-compliance at major milestones.

b. The OA Contract Guidebook is for guidance only, and PMs and Contracting Officers have the authority to tailor this language as necessary to meet their programs' situations.

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4. My point of contact for this policy is Mr. Nickolas
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