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MEMORANDUM FOR MILITARY DEPUTIES TO THE COMPONENT  
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SUBJECT: Establishing Common Program Health Measures

All three Departments have vigorously and successfully pursued the adaptation of the Probability of Program Success (PoPS) tool into their oversight processes. With this progress toward a single assessment methodology, albeit three versions, and the increased interest in having a standard set of metrics we have a unique opportunity to look at adopting PoPS as the source of common program health metrics and replacing enterprise reporting requirements with outputs from PoPS.

I propose we establish a small working group to determine the feasibility of migrating toward a common configuration of PoPS among all three components and identify all the enterprise reporting requirements that could be captured through a common configuration of PoPS. My office will take responsibility for coordinating this effort with the components and other OSD offices. The working group should report back to us in early February. My action officer is Ms. Jane Rathbun, 703-614-1546, jane.rathbun@osd.mil.

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