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MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY DIRECTOR, ACQUISITION WORKFORCE AND CAREER MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Functional Advisor (FA) Annual Certification Report

In response to your memorandum of January 27, 2003, the Logistics Functional Area annual certification report follows. The Logistics Functional Area is in a state of major change, and this is good news. The latest position category description (attached) no longer is restricted to the Acquisition Logistics career field but has broadened in scope to encompass the Life Cycle Logistics career field. While at the time of this memorandum final approval of this PCD has not occurred, discussion with your office indicates that approval is imminent. Accordingly, this new PCD is current, complete and accurate. Likewise the education, training and experience standards and career paths reflected in this PCD are current and valid.

Associated with the revision to the PCD, the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) has embarked upon a major logistics curriculum reengineering effort. The Logistics Functional IPT (FIPT) has reviewed five of the six courses in the current DAU logistics curriculum over the last fifteen months and found all course content and quality to be current and complete. The sixth course, LOG 205, Provisioning, is scheduled for FIPT review on March 28, 2003, and I expect that the FIPT will find this course to not be current in that this subject area does not correspond to Future Logistics Enterprise strategic directions. This course is already scheduled for retirement at the end of fiscal year 2004.

As mentioned above, significant logistics curriculum reengineering is underway at DAU. Replacing obsolete courses like LOG 205 will be new courses such as LOG 235, Performance Based Logistics and LOG 102, Fundamentals of Systems Sustainment Management. These curriculum changes are reflected in the new PCD and will be included in the next DAU catalog. DAU also anticipates making some rapid updates to its logistics curriculum based on the new DoD 5000 policy issuance.

I look forward to talking with you about how the logistics functional area reviews and validates required competencies. In the past six months we have mapped the new suite of DAU logistics courses to over 90 functions and 200 competencies. The FIPT uses this tool to validate currency of the courseware. Of course, as operations, acquisition, and logistics environments and processes change, so do the applicable competencies that are trained within the DAU curriculum. Again, I will be glad to discuss this with you, or for more insights, you may schedule a visit with Mr. Randy Fowler, Executive Secretary of the Logistics functional area, at (703) 805-5309.



If you have further questions of me or my staff, please contact Mr. Tony Stampone, (703) 614-3838, Anthony.stampone@osd.mil.



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Attachment
As stated