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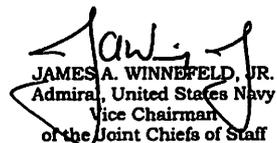
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Subject: Key Performance Parameter Relief

1. To better fulfill the Joint Requirements Oversight Council's (JROC) Title 10 responsibilities, changes to the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) and JROC guidance have placed greater emphasis on the tradeoffs between cost, schedule, and performance when validating warfighter requirements. In an effort to exercise flexibility with regard to these trades, the JROC encourages Program Managers, Program Executive Officers and Component Acquisition Executives, in coordination with the requirements sponsor, to officially request requirements relief, through the appropriate requirements validation authority, where Key Performance Parameters (KPPs) appear out of line with an appropriate cost-benefit analysis.
2. While there are no limitations for requesting requirements relief, KPP relief should be considered especially appropriate in cases where significant cost savings may be achieved with marginal impact to operational capability (i.e., spending 15 percent of a program's budget to get the last 3 percent of KPP performance). As DoD places increased emphasis on maximizing the use of our decreasing resources, KPPs that do not provide the best return on investment for our warfighters should be considered for reevaluation by the appropriate requirements validation authority.
3. KPP relief requests, for JCB/JROC interest programs, are to be submitted by the requirements sponsor as Functional Capabilities Board (FCB) Draft stage documents via the Knowledge Management/Decision Support (KM/DS) tool. After review and staffing, an FCB recommendation will be made to the Joint Capabilities Board (JCB) or JROC for approval. Our goal is to have a JCB or JROC decision no longer than four weeks after submission to KM/DS.
4. As fiscal constraints place increased pressure on DoD, it is more important than ever that we provide the most cost effective capability to the warfighter. We must consider risk-informed trades throughout the life cycle of programs and when needed, revisit previously validated requirements at the JCB/JROC and Component levels.

  
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