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1. References:

a. Public Law 112-81, National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, 31 December 2011, Section 832, Assessment, Management, and Control of Operating and Support Costs for Major Weapon Systems, paragraph (b)(8).

b. Department of Defense Instruction 5000.02, Operation of the Defense Acquisition System, 8 December 2008.

c. Army Regulation (AR) 70-1, Army Acquisition Policy, 22 July 2011.

d. Department of the Army Pamphlet (DA PAM) 700-28, Independent Logistics Assessments, 9 June 2013.

2. This policy applies to all major weapon systems. That term is defined in Section 2379(f) of Title 10, United States Code as a weapon system acquired pursuant to a major defense acquisition program. Program Executive Officers (PEO) shall begin taking steps to comply with this policy immediately; however, to allow an adequate phase-in period, full compliance with this policy is required for all major acquisition decision reviews occurring on or after 29 March 2014.

3. All PEOs shall ensure that ILAs are conducted for their major weapon systems. The ILAs are independent assessments of program product support planning and execution. ILAs shall be conducted by independent teams of government logistics, program management, and business experts from outside of the program office. The ILA team is established by the PEO and funded by the program office under assessment. Individuals who are in a program office or who work closely with that program office under assessment are prohibited from participating on the ILA team. The assessments shall be focused on the 12 integrated product support elements and validating the status of applicable logistics considerations. The ILAs are to be conducted prior to all major acquisition decisions (including milestone decisions), and shall:

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- a. Identify and assess system attributes that drive operations and support cost.
 - b. Identify changes to system design that reduce life cycle cost.
 - c. Assess the program's strategies for managing life cycle cost.
4. Implementing actions:
- a. All PEOs shall:
 - (1) Beginning at Milestone B, ensure ILAs are conducted for all major weapon systems prior to major acquisition decision reviews. This includes milestone reviews, Full Rate Production (FRP) decision, and post-FRP reviews.
 - (2) Select the ILA team leader and assist the team leader with the identification of team members that meet qualifications detailed in DA PAM 700-28, Independent Logistics Assessments. See DA PAM 700-28 for guidance on how to prepare for, conduct, and report the results of an ILA. Use of this pamphlet is required, and is critical to a successful ILA.
 - (3) Report results of an ILA on major weapon systems to the Milestone Decision Authority during major acquisition decision reviews.
 - b. The PEOs are encouraged to conduct ILAs on ACAT III programs when the ILA will benefit program performance.
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