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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

Subj: DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY ACQUISITION POLICY ON MOBILE (CELLULAR) PHONE AND DATA EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES

1. The Department of Navy (DON) is engaged in reducing the costs of handheld wireless communications services. Centralizing acquisition will reduce overall mobile phone and data equipment and services costs by streamlining procurement and administration processes and by facilitating tracking, monitoring, and oversight of wireless communication usage and costs.

2. Effective immediately, only the nationwide DON wireless contracts awarded by the Fleet Industrial Supply Center San Diego (FISCSD) or the Navy Marine Corps Intranet (NMCI) contract shall be used to obtain CONUS wireless communication support as indicated below. In no case shall these equipments or services be obtained under any other contractual vehicle (e.g. provided under a program or support services contract).

a. Mobile (Cellular) Phone Services.

i. New Requirements: Use only NMCI or FISCSD contracts.

ii. Existing Requirements: Use only NMCI or FISCSD contracts, not later than expiration of existing service or 1 October 2005, whichever occurs first.

iii. New equipment must be obtained under either the NMCI or FISCSD contracts.

b. Mobile Data (i.e. BlackBerry® and like devices) Services.

i. Activities with data services being provided by the NMCI contractor (Assumption of Responsibility [AOR] or cutover/transitioned) must obtain their mobile data services through the NMCI contract. New equipment must be obtained under either the NMCI or FISCSD contracts.

ii. Other activities shall use either the NMCI or FISCSD contracts for its new equipment and mobile data service requirements.

3. This policy does not apply to secure communications devices.

4. Authority to approve waivers to this policy is delegated to PEO-IT.

5. Further information about this policy and links for ordering services and equipment are available on the PEO-IT website, http://www.peo-it.navy.mil.

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