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The Honorable Michael Duffey Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment 1010 Defense Pentagon Washington, DC 20301-1010

Subj: Recommendations to Implement Memo, Subj: Transforming the Warfighting Acquisition System

Dear Hon. USD (A&S) Michael Duffey:

Sec. Hegseth's memo, Subj: Transforming the Warfighting Acquisition System (Trans Memo), dated November 7, 2025, directs you to update the 5000-series DoW Instructions, DFARS, and other relevant documents to codify Trans Memo directions regarding Authoritative Sources of Truth, automated program performance reporting, outcome-based metrics, digital threads, and real-time data.

The white paper, Integrating the Embedded Software Path, Model-Based Systems Engineering, MOSA, and Digital Engineering with Program Management, already included recommended updates in Table 3. It was revised today to cite the Trans Memo.

Recommendations to update DFARS are in the white paper, Common Sense Project Management, "When you come to a fork in the road."

Yours truly,

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