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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
UNDER SECRETARIES OF DEFENSE
COMMANDERS, COMBATANT COMMANDS
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES
DIRECTORS OF THE DOD FIELD ACTIVITIES

SUBJECT: Coordination of Contracting Activities in the USCENTCOM Area of Responsibility (AOR)

References: (a) DepSecDef memorandum, "Coordination of Contracting Activities in the USCENTCOM AOR," October 31, 2006 (hereby cancelled)
(b) DoD Directive 5101.1, "DoD Executive Agent," May 9, 2003

In support of contingency operations in the USCENTCOM AOR, contracting resources require synchronization. This memorandum rescinds and replaces reference (a) in support of (1) the USCENTCOM Joint Theater Support Contracting Command (C-JTSCC), which is the successor organization of the Joint Contracting Command (Iraq/Afghanistan); and (2) the expansion of contracting mission coverage to include Kuwait and Pakistan. Accordingly, the following measures are restated/directed:

1. The Commander, USCENTCOM, has coordinating authority over all supporting DoD contracting organizations, including those that are not assigned or attached to the command but which provide support to the command through systems support and external support contracts.

2. The Secretary of the Army is hereby designated as the DoD Executive Agent for Contracting for Operation NEW DAWN (OND)/Operation ENDURING FREEDOM (OEF), Kuwait and Pakistan. The Assistant Secretary of the Army has appointed the Commander, C-JTSCC, as the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA), within the Combined/Joint Operations Areas (CJOAs) Iraq and Afghanistan. This applies to all contracting activities assigned or attached to USCENTCOM, with the exception of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and USSOCOM. In addition, although the Commander, C-JTSCC, does not exercise HCA for Kuwait and Pakistan, the Commander does exercise contract coordination authority to ensure synchronization of resources, effective contract planning and compliance with USCENTCOM policies. This coordination authority is applicable to all contracting activities operating in Kuwait and Pakistan, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and USSOCOM.

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3. All DoD contracting activities awarding contracts for delivery to or for performance within CJOAs Iraq and Afghanistan, Kuwait and Pakistan, are responsible for complying with Theater Business Clearance/Contract Administration Delegation requirements, as set forth by the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, on October 13 (attached). This will ensure Commanders have visibility of those contracts and that those contracts meet the Commander's intent and other requirements.

4. All DoD components performing contracting functions in CJOAs Iraq and Afghanistan and within Kuwait and Pakistan are to comply with USCENTCOM policies, procedures and Fragmentary Orders. Contracting activities are expected to support the Command's efforts. USCENTCOM will hold contracting activities accountable through their respective Service components or head of combat support agency.

5. The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, as the OSD Principal Staff Assistant responsible for oversight of Contracting for OND/OEF, Kuwait and Pakistan, shall issue a DoD Instruction, in accordance with reference (b), to identify assignments and arrangements associated with synchronizing contracting efforts for OND/OEF, Kuwait and Pakistan.

Attachment:
As stated