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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT, DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2015 Annual Certification – Program Management Career Field for Levels I, II, and III Certification

Reference: DoD Instruction 5000.66, “Operation of the Defense Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics Workforce Education, Training, and Career Development Program,” December 21, 2005

As the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics functional leader for the Program Management (PM) career field, and per the reference, I certify for Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 that:

- Although competency validation efforts are an ongoing activity, the acquisition related competencies currently maintained by the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) are approved and reflect the knowledge and skills required as an Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (AT&L) workforce member in the PM career field.
- Efforts to align acquisition and PM courses with recent policy and regulatory changes have been very effective in keeping courses up-to-date.
- During this year, I have:
 - Added ACQ 315, Understanding Industry, to PM level II core plus immediately until it is added to core for PM level III certification starting in FY16.
 - Added EVM 101 to level II core certification requirements from level III to expand earned value management knowledge to more of the PM workforce.
 - Added EVM 263, Principles of Schedule Management, to PM level III certification starting in FY 2016 to close the gap in scheduling competencies.
- The PM certification standards for FY 2015 are reasonable, appropriate, and applicable to DoD AT&L workforce personnel desiring certification. The position category descriptions, as posted on the DAU website, are current.

Should Department policy change or the required capabilities of AT&L workforce members change during the upcoming year, I or my representative will advise DAU so that appropriate actions may be initiated to ensure the continued development of a professional, agile workforce that delivers timely and affordable capabilities to the warfighter.

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