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COVER BRIEF

TO: ~~PRINCIPLE~~ DEPUTY COMPTROLLER

THRU: DEPUTY COMPTROLLER (INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT)

FROM: DIRECTOR FOR CORPORATE INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

SUBJECT: Functional Requirements for DoD Property

PURPOSE: To request a decision on the development of functional requirements for DoD property.

DISCUSSION:

- At the last Functional Steering Committee meeting the issue of functional requirements for DoD property was raised by the Army representative. He suggested that the scope of the GFM group be expanded to cover all DoD property.
- The Financial Operations (FINOPS) functional group has been asked to relook at its milestones to see if the milestones can be accelerated. They currently view that all DoD property, except for GFM, is included in their scope. Placing the responsibility for DoD property with another group would reduce the time required by the FINOPS group to complete their task.
- The attached point paper addresses issues related to three possible approaches to the requirements for DoD property. Each approach requires the cooperation of the acquisition and logistics functional areas to achieve the desired results.

RECOMMENDATION: Determine if DoD property should remain with the FINOPS group _____
be added to the scope of the GFM group _____
or, assigned to a new group _____

COORDINATION: See attached GFM comments.

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POINT PAPER

ISSUES RELATED TO REQUIREMENTS FOR DoD PROPERTY

Current Relationship between GFM and FINOPS

- o The GFM group continues on its current schedule.
- o As the GFM group develops requirements for GFM, the FINOPS group would review the GFM products. Those requirements with which FINOPS agrees would be expanded by FINOPS to cover all DoD property in the hands of contractors and at all DoD facilities.
- o For those GFM requirements with which FINOPS does not agree, negotiations and resolution of those issues would have to occur at appropriate levels, including perhaps the Functional Steering Committee. Resolution of issues would be necessary before either group could proceed on the issue in question.
- o The development of requirements for all DoD property by FINOPS at the time the GFM requirements are developed will be necessary to preclude two different sets of functional requirements for DoD property. One set for GFM property and another set for all other DoD property.

New CIM Group for DoD Property except for GFM

- o The FINOPS group could accelerate its current schedule.
- o However, similar problems to those described above in the current situation would be experienced in the development of requirements for property by the new group and the GFM group.

Expand the Scope of the GFM Group to Cover All DoD Property

- o The GFM group would have to expand its size, composition, and schedule.
- o The FINOPS group could accelerate its current schedule.
- o The GFM and FINOPS groups could operate with less dependence upon the progress of the other.

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MEMORANDUM FOR CHAIRMAN, FINANCIAL OPERATIONS GROUP

SUBJECT: Request to Coordinate on Cover brief for Issues
Related to Functional Requirements for DoD Property

I nonconcur with the subject cover brief and attachment as written and suggest it be rewritten.

The point paper discusses some aspects of relationships between FINOPS and other CIM groups. It never really identifies or addresses the issues related to development of functional requirements for DoD property which are causing the FINOPS group problems. Those unidentified problems should be the primary focus of the paper.

The point paper does not address the many major integration issues between the financial and the acquisition/logistics communities. It also does not address the need for active cooperation and participation of the acquisition/logistics communities.

Integration of functional requirements between FINOPS and GFM should be handled by the same CIM process followed in resolving other integration issues such as between FINOPS and civilian pay or contract payment.

The functional requirements for GFM relate mainly to the recording of movement of material between DoD and contractors, with limited impact on financial DoD accounts.

However, the other general ledger entries when recording DoD property is often accounts payable or accounts receivable and related budgetary accounts. Since DoD property constitutes about 75 percent of DoD assets, we do not believe the FINOPS group can not complete its other functional requirements without simultaneous development of the functional requirements for DoD property accounts.

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