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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (RESEARCH,  
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY (RESEARCH,  
DEVELOPMENT AND ACQUISITION)  
ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE (ACQUISITION)  
DIRECTORS, DEFENSE AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Plant Clearance Automated Reutilization Screening  
System (PCARSS) Points of Contact

The Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC) was tasked to design, develop and deploy a streamlined DoD system for the disposition of excess Government-owned property in the possession of contractors. This new plant clearance automated reutilization screening system (PCARSS) is nearing the deployment phase. This PCARSS deployment and its full benefits will not be achieved without your offices' active participation. This memorandum provides a brief overview of PCARSS and requests your support to ensure effective, efficient and timely deployment within your Services and Agencies.

The Federal Property and Administrative Services Act requires inventory screening and reutilization of excess Government property. Part 45, Government Property, of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), details the process for screening excess Government property in the possession of contractors. Currently, this process is accomplished by mailing hard copies of excess property to screening activities. Hard copy requisitions must then be written and mailed to obtain available items. This current method is a costly and time consuming process and does not take advantage of today's computer technologies. With PCARSS, Government property disposition will be accomplished using electronic data interchange (EDI) technology instead of millions of pieces of paper. The FAR 45 Rewrite Team is currently streamlining the property disposition portions of the FAR, including accommodation for electronic screening.

PCARSS will automate the flow of plant clearance information through the reporting, redistribution and disposition process. The process starts with a contractor electronically conveying information about excess Government property to a local plant clearance officer (PLCO). The process continues electronically through full reutilization screening (DoD, Federal and State activities), to include the electronic requisitioning of excess



serviceable assets. The system will accommodate contractors that may not have computer capability.

PCARSS is scheduled for deployment during late calendar year 1995. To avoid delays in transitioning to an automated screening system, I request that each of you assign a single point of contact (POC) for implementation of this cost saving PCARSS initiative. The POCs should be familiar with the plant clearance process. He/she should also have the ability and be given the responsibility for disseminating the PCARSS concept among your contracting activities, program offices and inventory control points.

My staff and DCMC personnel will meet with your representatives to provide detailed PCARSS information for dissemination. Executive level briefings are available, if you would like to receive information about this electronic plant clearance streamlining initiative.

Please provide the names, phone numbers and addresses, including e-mail addresses, of your points of contact by no later than May 31, 1995. To expedite this action, please furnish this information directly via internet mail, to Mr. James H. Kordes of my staff, and Ms. Janice Hawk, Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC). Their e-mail addresses are:

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- Janice Hawk: hawk\_janice@hqccgw.hq.dla.mil

Contact Jim Kordes at (703)697-4186 or at the above e-mail address if you require additional information about this request.



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CC:  
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY (INDUSTRIAL AFFAIRS)

FROM: Director, Industrial Programs PH  
Prepared by: Jim Kordes/INP/74186/April 14, 1995

SUBJECT: Plant Clearance Automated Reutilization and Screening System (PCARSS) Points of Contact--ACTION

PURPOSE: To obtain the Services' and the DoD Agencies' support to ensure full and timely deployment of this new DoD system for property disposition & reutilization.

DISCUSSION:

- A few years ago DLA/DCMC was asked to design, develop and field an automated property disposition system for Government-owned property in the possession of contractors. This project was started because the plant clearance process for excess property was found to be paperwork intensive. We felt that current computer technology offered a better way to get the job done.
- The first design was a PC-based system that seemed to have merit but also had draw backs. DLA named this system: Plant Clearance Automated Reutilization Screen System (PCARSS). We had PCARSS briefed to the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA). A WIN/WIN effort was underway between DoD and AIA with PCARSS. The first design did not prove-out in field tests. In retrospect, that delay and set back was good news.
- The second and current PCARSS design that is being developed and nearing the deployment phase is based on EDI technology. We now have a WIN/WIN plus effort with industry and others that have been briefed. With a few exceptions PCARSS will be a paperless system that should save forests, not just trees. It will be the foundation for decreasing the disposition cycle time for property located at contractors' plants.
- The Services' and the DoD Agencies' active participation is essential to obtain full PCARSS deployment. Therefore, the memorandum at Tab A requests contact points to work with OSD and DCMC to ensure that this new electronic disposition system is fully deployed within DoD. DCMC has been coordinating with appropriate Civilian Agencies.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign the memorandum at Tab A

COORDINATION: Director, Defense Procurement Eleanor Spector

SUSPENSE: N/A

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