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MEMORANDUM FOR: SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Designation of the Senior DoD Official for Performance Assessments and Root Cause Analyses (PARCA) Within the Office of the Secretary of Defense

On May 22, 2009, the President signed the Weapon Systems Acquisition Reform Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-23). The Act directs the Secretary to designate a senior official in the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the principal official of the Department of Defense responsible for conducting and overseeing PARCA for major defense acquisition programs. Further, the Act requires the assignment of appropriate staff and resources necessary to carry out the official's functions.

Accordingly, on the Secretary's behalf, Mr. Gary Bliss is designated as the senior official within OSD for PARCA. His title shall be Director, PARCA. The Office of the Director for PARCA will be established within the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD(AT&L)), Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition (ASD(A)) and will be allocated sufficient resources to enable execution of the PARCA functions of the Office. The Director, PARCA will report to the ASD(A), under the USD(AT&L).

The Acting Director of Administration and Management, in coordination with the USD(AT&L) and other cognizant officials, shall facilitate administrative actions necessary to implement this direction. The USD(AT&L) and the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall identify resources to support the manpower and contract requirements of the new Office and associated PARCA functions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. R. Blayne".

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