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**Basic Considerations for
Department of the Navy Strategic Sourcing Acquisition
Centers of Excellence (SSACOE)**

Two Strategic Sourcing Acquisition Centers of Excellence (COE) shall be established immediately, with full operational capability no later than October 1, 2003. These centers will, at a minimum, be responsible for acquisition functions of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-76.

In addition to strategic sourcing competitions, the SSACOE will provide support directly related to the competitions, including but not limited to preliminary planning, material requirements definition, workload analysis, government furnished property inventory, and quality control planning.

One Department of the Navy (DON) SSACOE will be established under the Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFACENGCOM) and will conduct A-76 competitions for all DON activities except for those assigned elsewhere as described below. Efforts should be taken to ensure the independence of the SSACOE to avoid potential conflicts of interest.

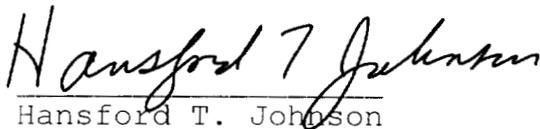
The second DON SSACOE will be established under the Virtual Systems Command (SYSCOM). It will be referred to as the Virtual SYSCOM Acquisition COE (VSACOE). The VSACOE may conduct A-76 competitions of specific functions within the DON acquisition commands. The VSACOE shall be chartered by and report to a management board comprised of the executive directors of each of the participating SYSCOMs. The VSACOE competitions should be conducted by an office independent of the activity directly affected by a competition to the extent practicable.

The DON Strategic Sourcing Acquisition Centers of Excellence Board of Directors (SSACOE BoD) will be established to ensure the COEs perform as honest brokers of the process, have a consistent approach to strategic sourcing contracting processes, and to ensure independence from external influences. The SSACOE BoD will include one representative from the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Acquisition Management (DASN(ACQ)), the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Infrastructure Analysis (DASN(ISA)), the Chief of Naval Operations, the Commandant of the Marine Corps, the Office of General Counsel, NAVFACENGCOM and the Virtual SYSCOM.

Disagreements on which COE should conduct specific competitions shall be submitted to the SSACOE BoD for decision. The SSACOE BoD may allow other activities to conduct strategic sourcing acquisition functions provided they comply with the policies, procedures and processes of the SSACOE. A justification for conducting strategic sourcing acquisition functions outside the established COEs shall be submitted by the major claimant to the SSACOE BoD prior to commencing preliminary planning under the May 29, 2003 OMB Circular A-76.

Both DASN(ACQ) and DASN(ISA) shall coordinate with the COEs to establish consistent strategic sourcing policy and guidance across DON. The lead office for questions on strategic sourcing program matters is DASN(ISA); the lead office for questions on contracting/acquisition is DASN(ACQ). The lead offices shall coordinate such inquiries with their counterpart. Overarching issues shall be forwarded to the SSACOE BoD for decision.

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