Office of the Secretary of Defense § 169a.9

Subpart B—Procedures

§ 169a.8 Inventory and review schedule (Report Control Symbol DD-P&L(A)).

(a) Information in each DoD Component’s inventory shall be used to assess DoD implementation of OMB Circular A–76 and for other purposes. Each Component’s inventory shall be updated at least annually to reflect changes to their review schedule and the results of reviews, cost comparisons, and direct conversions. Updated inventories for all DoD Components except National Security Agency/Central Security Service (NSA/CSS) and the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) shall be submitted to the Assistant Secretary of Defense Production and Logistics (ASD(P&L)) within 90 days after the end of each fiscal year. Inventory data pertaining to NSA/CSS and DIA shall be held at the specific Agency concerned for subsequent review by properly cleared personnel. Appendix A to this part provides the codes and explanations for functional areas and Appendix B to this part provides procedures for submitting the inventory.

(b) DoD component’s review schedules should be coordinated with the DoD Component’s Efficiency Review Program and the Defense Regional Interservice Support (DRIS) Program to preclude duplication of efforts and to make use of information already available.

(c) Review of CAs that provide interservice support shall be scheduled by the supplying DoD Component. Subsequent cost comparisons, when appropriate, shall be executed by the same DoD Component. All affected DoD Components shall be notified of the intent to perform a review.


§ 169a.9 Reviews: Existing in-house commercial activities.

(a) DoD components shall conduct reviews of in-house CAs in accordance with their established review schedules. Existing in-house CAs, once viewed shall be retained in-house without a cost comparison only when certain conditions are satisfied. (Detailed documentation will be maintained to support the decision to continue in-house performance). These conditions are as follows:

(i) National Defense. In most cases, application of this criteria shall be made considering the wartime and peacetime duties of the specific positions involved rather than in terms of broad functions.

(ii) Core logistics activities. The core logistics capability reported to Congress, March 29, 1984, under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. 2646 is comprised of the facilities, equipment, and management personnel at the activities listed in the report. The work at those activities may be performed by either government or contractor personnel, whichever is more cost effective. Core logistics activities reported to Congress as additions to the original list shall be retained in-house unless subsequently waived by the Secretary of Defense.

(iii) If the DoD Component has a larger number of similar CAs with a small number of essential military personnel in each CA, action shall be taken, when appropriate, to consolidate the military positions consistent with military requirements so that economical performance by either DoD civilian employees or by contract can...
be explored for accomplishing a portion of the work.

(iv) The DoD Components may propose to the ASD (P&L) other criteria for exempting CAs for national defense reasons.

(2) No satisfactory commercial source available. A DoD commercial activity may be performed by DoD personnel when it can be demonstrated that:

(i) There is no satisfactory commercial source capable of providing the product or service that is needed. Before concluding that there is no satisfactory commercial source available, the DoD Component shall make all reasonable efforts to identify available sources.

(A) DoD Components’ efforts to find satisfactory commercial sources shall be carried out in accordance with the FAR and Defense FAR Supplement (DFAS) including review of bidders lists and inventories of contractors, consideration of preferential procurement programs, and requests for help from Government agencies such as the Small Business Administration.

(B) Where the availability of commercial sources is uncertain, the DoD Component will place up to three notices of the requirement in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) over a 90-day period. (Notices will be in the format specified in FAR, 48 CFR part 5 and part 7, subpart 7.3) When a bona fide urgent requirement occurs, the publication period in the CBD may be reduced to two notices, 15 days apart. Specifications and requirements in the notice will not be unduly restrictive and will not exceed those required of Government personnel or operations.

(ii) Use of a commercial source would cause an unacceptable delay or disruption of an essential program. In-house operation of a commercial activity on the basis that use of a commercial source would cause an unacceptable delay or disrupt an essential DoD program requires a specific documented explanation.

(A) The delay or disruption must be specific as to cost, time, and performance measures.

(B) The disruption must be shown to be a lasting or unacceptable nature. Temporary disruption caused by conversion to contract is not sufficient support for the use of this criteria.

(C) The fact that a DoD commercial activity involves a classified program, or is part of a DoD Component’s basic mission, or that there is the possibility of a strike by contract employees is not adequate reason for Government performance of that activity. Further, urgency alone is not an adequate reason to continue Government operation of a commercial activity. It must be shown that commercial sources are not able, and the Government is able, to provide the product or service when needed.

(D) Use of an exemption due to an unacceptable delay or disruption of an essential program shall be approved by the DoD Component’s central point of contact office. This authority may be redelegated.

(3) Patient Care. Commercial activities at DoD hospitals may be performed by DoD personnel when it is determined by the head of the DoD Component or his designee, in consultation with the DoD Component’s chief medical director, that performance by DoD personnel would be in the best interest of direct patient care.