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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT
DEFENSE ACQUISITION UNIVERSITY

SUBJECT: Earned Value Management Community of Practice

Based on the recommendation of my staff, after a series of discussions with personnel at the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) over the past several months, I would like to pursue the establishment of an Earned Value Management (EVM) Community of Practice (CoP) on DAU's Acquisition Community Connection (ACC) knowledge sharing system.

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics) (OUSD(AT&L)) maintains an EVM web site that is currently recognized throughout the Defense acquisition community as the principal source of EVM information both within and outside the Department, to include international recognition. The OSD EVM web site includes a Noteboard, which is actively used as an on-line tool for sharing comments, experiences, and suggestions. The Noteboard is available to all government and non-government users who request a password from the site's webmaster.

As the first step toward establishing an EVM CoP, I would like to transition the Noteboard from the OSD web site to the DAU ACC. This transition, however, is contingent upon EVM being elevated initially from its current site as a topic under Program Management to a special interest area on the ACC front page and ultimately to a full-fledged CoP. Once the EVM CoP is established and it is deemed beneficial to the Department and the users, I will consider transitioning other features from the OSD web site to the EVM CoP.

I encourage you to contact the EVM focal points in my office, Ms. Debbie Tomsic and Mr. Bob Leach, at your convenience to initiate this transition. Ms. Tomsic can be reached at (703) 695-0707 or deborah.tomsic@osd.mil. Mr. Leach can be reached at (703) 614-0200 or robert.leach@osd.mil.

I look forward to working with DAU on this important step forward in improving knowledge sharing within the Defense acquisition community.

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