

Department of Defense Directive No. 3005.3, December 7, 1954

Subject: Maintenance of the mobilization base.

Reference: Office of Defense Mobilization Order DMO VII-7, as amended.

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to integrate Department of Defense procurement policy with industrial mobilization plans in order to maintain a sound mobilization base.

II. POLICY

The referenced document prescribes the Government policy for maintaining the mobilization base. With respect to current procurement particular attention is invited to paragraph 3A which provides in part:

"1. Procurement agencies shall integrate current procurement with their industrial mobilization plans to the greatest possible extent with the objective of supporting the mobilization base within authorities and funds available.

"2. Data assembled on essential mobilization suppliers by the industrial mobilization planning of these agencies shall be used in planning current procurement. The policy of using contractors and facilities essential to the mobilization base is considered to be in the best interest of the Government. Suppliers that are deemed to be part of the mobilization base normally will be invited to participate in appropriate current procurement."

III. ACTION

In furtherance of this policy and to integrate current procurement with military mobilization plans, the military departments are requested to review proposed procurement of items contained in the Department of Defense Preferential Planning List. Responsibility for such review should be maintained at the level of the Procurement Secretaries or their authorized designees. Such review should take into consideration the following:

- a. Maintaining multiple sources of supply;
- b. Geographic dispersal;
- c. Avoidance of undue concentration of contracts in a few leading suppliers;
- d. Multiple awards;
- e. Preservation of essential skilled labor forces;
- f. Utilization of existing open industrial capacity;
- g. Preservation of essential management organization and "know-how";
- h. Maximum subcontracting; and
- i. Any other factors relevant to maintaining a sound mobilization base.

In carrying out this program it is expected that the authority contained in Sections 2(c) 1 and 16 of the Armed Services Procurement Act will be utilized. In this connection comparative price experience shall be utilized to negotiate the best possible price for the Government.

IV. IMPLEMENTATION

Each military department will proceed with the revision of regulations, procedures and instructions as necessary to implement the provisions hereof and will submit such revised regulations, procedures and instructions in duplicate to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics) within 30 days after the date of this directive.

V. REPORTS

Each military department will report actions taken pursuant to this directive to the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics). Such reports shall be submitted at least every 90 days.