

Since that time though, the money situation has gotten tighter, and as I indicated to you all the other day, in fiscal year 1970 we will have to make a determination as to whether to buy the ADPE for the next 10 division systems, or whether to lease that ADPE, and I am sure that the decision will be dictated by the relative availability of moneys in the O. & M.A. appropriation and in the PEMA appropriation.

Mr. DAHLIN. Is it dictated only by the money, or are you going to have another competition at that point?

General Klingenhagen, perhaps you could address that. Is this a problem where your various systems are locked in now to specific equipment?

You seem to be standardizing in general on IBM 360-40's and 360-50's. Are there any of these programs that are developing going to be thrown open for further competition to see what industry can work out in the way of economies or improvements, or are you pretty well locked in here on some of these?

General MILLER. I would like to defer an answer and furnish an answer on that because this is controlled above our level.

Mr. DAHLIN. You say controlled. Does that mean you do not plan these things?

General MILLER. No. Our planning includes guidance for the development of systems specifications which form the basis for competitive selection of ADPE.

(Additional information furnished for the record follows:)

Army responsibilities, policies, and procedures for the selection and acquisition of ADPE are prescribed in Army Regulations 18-1 and 18-2. These procedures provide for:

Preparation of systems specifications consisting of all data to be maintained, output, input, and description of processing. These specifications are submitted to the Assistant Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters, Department of Army, for staffing and approval. The approved specifications are sent to the Comptroller of the Army for solicitation of vendors' proposals.

Evaluation of competitive proposals submitted by vendors. In evaluating the proposals, the primary objective is to insure selection of computers and software that meet all the requirements of the systems specifications and that are most advantageous to the Government.

Sole source procurement only when the facts are clear and unmistakable that such action is warranted and would be in the best interests of the Government. This authority is normally retained by OSD but is delegated to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Financial Management), the Army senior ADP policy official, under certain specified conditions.

These procedures will be followed for the standard TASCOT system under development at USACDC. It is planned that future upgrade of ADP systems will follow these competitive selection procedures.

Mr. DAHLIN. The only selection you have listed as pending here is the one for SPEDEX. For the rest you have either a listing for some kind of equipment or something for the future.

What I was trying to address was not the question of what the most current selection problem is, but is there any qualitative or quantitative planning that you take steps at some particular time to update the whole program or system that you are putting in. Could you throw it open to industry and see what kinds of new results you might get, rather than simply going down the road with whatever you are starting with right now?