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INTRODUCING THE PARTS STANDARDIZATION AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PSMC)

Acquisition Reform - A new way of doing business

In 1994, Defense Secretary Perry introduced a new acquisition reform initiative placing the Government and Industry on a path to performance based procurement. The traditional military and government specifications approach was made obsolete overnight; now performance requirements and existing industry standards are replacing them. In the past, military programs cited unique requirements which had to be supported by military documents. Over the years many of these requirements were adopted by industry because they were the best available practices. Military parts management and related standardization policies, required for DoD programs, were formerly implemented through MIL-STD-965 (Parts Control Program), which was replaced by MIL-HDBK-965 (Acquisition Practices for Parts Management). MIL-HDBK-965 is a nationally recognized document which comprehensively addresses parts management and standardization.

The Parts Standardization and Management Committee (PSMC) is a joint industry and government committee consisting of experts from parts management, standardization, engineering and logistics communities. Through the identification of common standardization practices, the Committee is establishing parts management practices that will serve both commercial and government programs. This will be accomplished through education and training. Additionally, the Committee provides a forum for assisting in the development of parts management standards and a common parts database. Through this joint effort, the establishment of common parts management practices will support acquisition streamlining, and provide a better way of doing business for both industry and government.

The goal of parts management and standardization is to support processes that meet performance requirements while reducing life cycle and integrating logistic support costs.

The time and location of the next bi-annual Committee meeting will be posted on the PSMC Webpage: <http://www.dsccl.dla.mil/V/VS/VSQPSMC/PSMC.HTML>. For further information or to become involved with the PSMC, please contact one of the following PSMC co-chairmen: Military Representative - Lee Gray, US Army MICOM, phone (205) 876-6980 (lgray@redstone.army.mil), Government Representative - Sam Merritt, Defense Supply Center Columbus, Phone: (614) 692-3965 (samuel_merritt@dsccl.dla.mil), or Industry Representative - John Becker, AlliedSignal Engines, phone (602) 231-2618 (john.becker@alliedsignal.com).