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MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: Policy Update for Critical Safety Item (CSI) Procurements

1. The Sustainment Engineering Division has revised our policy on quality control clauses in contracts for certain items. If a CSI has "Installation Critical" as the only Critical Characteristic (CC), there is no feature or process during manufacture or overhaul that warrants intensive management. "Installation Critical" CCs are best verified during assembly into, or maintenance of, the next higher assemblies. For this scenario, we will not require a Supplier Interface and Oversight Program (SIOP) clause in the contract, and QAP-20 and QE-STD-1 do not apply.
2. This relaxation of the SIOP and quality requirements does not change serialization requirements. Serialization will still be required in accordance with QE-STD-1, QAP-20, AED approved manufacturer's internal quality program, or drawing call-out. Parts too small for individual serialization shall be identified by production lot for traceability. All gray areas regarding part serialization will have to be handled on a case-by-case basis.
3. All CSIs must be procured from approved and qualified sources of supply. The policy update described in paragraph 1 does not indicate that the affected items are approved for full and open competition.
4. The point of contact (POC) for this action is Mr. Ronie Taylor at (256) 319-5320, ronie.taylor@amrdec.army.mil. The alternate POC is Mr. Marvin Davenport at (256) 705-9668, marv.davenport@amrdec.army.mil.

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