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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Collaboration Among Organizations is key to Life Cycle Management Success

1. The Life Cycle Management (LCM) initiative has been a great success over the past 18 months. Our collective successes have demonstrated that an integrated way of thinking and acting improves how we equip and sustain the Army. The LCM communities of acquisition, logistics and technology (AL&T) are complex and require many organizations to work together and find ways to collaboratively solve difficult problems in support of the global war on terror (GWOT).
2. Successes over the past 18 months have included the establishment of Life Cycle Management Commands (LCMCs), Army Field Support Brigades (AFSBs) and the AL&T Futures Office at CASCOM. These are new, collaborative structures with all of the life cycle management organizations represented. In order to mature the LCMs concept and understand the full power of these new capabilities each leader must transcend the organizational boundaries of prior years and embrace new ways of thinking about how to be more effective for the warfighter. It isn't about who is in charge, it is about how we can work together to provide more value to the war fight.
3. The importance of this initiative cannot be overstated. We have no alternative. We cannot afford to go back to the old ways of doing business. We must go forward and continue to find new and better ways to do business across organizational lines. For example, we must stop duplication and disconnects caused when similar "taskers" are sent to different organizations for action. Therefore, we re-affirm our commitment to LCM and ask each leader at all organizational levels in the acquisition, logistics and technology communities, to identify your counterparts in other organizations, understand their unique perspectives, strengths and needs, actively seek opportunities to collaborate on how to work together more effectively and efficiently for the good of the Army, and view all job functions through an integrated LCM lens to create the best products and services for the Army.

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