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SUMMARY of CHANGE

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This mandated revision, dated 17 September 2018—

- o Implements Army Directive 2017–22, Implementation of Acquisition Reform Initiatives 1 and 2, dated 12 September 2017 (chap 9).
- o Replaces Manpower and Personnel Integration with Human Systems Integration (throughout).
- o Replaces the System Safety Management Plan with the Human Systems Integration Plan (throughout).

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History. This publication is a mandated revision. The portions affected by this mandated revision are listed in the summary of change.

Summary. This pamphlet provides discretionary guidance on materiel acquisition management. It is to be used with DODD 5000.01, DOD I 5000.02, and AR 70–1. It contains information relevant to research, development, and acquisition, and life cycle management of Army materiel to satisfy approved Army requirements. This revision adds clothing and individual equipment information and procedures for Configuration Steering Boards. It replaces type classification and materiel release information and updates acquisition program baseline, terminology, and organizational information.

Applicability. This pamphlet applies to the Regular Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve, unless otherwise stated. Also, it applies to personnel involved in research, development, acquisition, and support of materiel items and systems.

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