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SUBJECT: Air Force Guidance on Procurement of Automatic Test Systems and Equipment

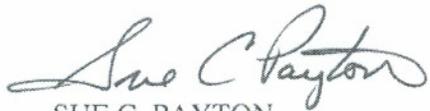
In response to the General Accounting Office (GAO) Report, "*Military Readiness: DOD Needs to Better Manage Automatic Test Equipment Modernization*," GAO-03-451, March 2003, the Under Secretary of Defense republished DOD policy for Automatic Test Systems (ATS). The "*Automatic Test Systems Joint Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among the Service Acquisition Executives*" (Sept 04) was restated, establishing Navy PMA-260 as the DOD ATS Executive Director and WR-ALC/LEA (now the 742nd CBSG) at Warner Robins Air Logistics Center as the Air Force ATS Leadership Office.

The central theme in the GAO report is the need for commonality in automatic test systems/equipment. Air Force ATS/ATE requirements, whether for new, replacement, modification, Organizational, Intermediate, or Depot, will be coordinated through the 742nd CBSG/CC at WR-ALC for approval. The 742nd CBSG will either provide a solution to a program's ATS requirement or process a waiver through the DOD ATS Management Board (AMB) for approval. The DOD AMB will provide the ATS/ATE selection and acquisition recommendations to the Milestone Decision Authority or designated acquisition authority for final approval if the ATS acquisition involves a deviation from ATS policy.

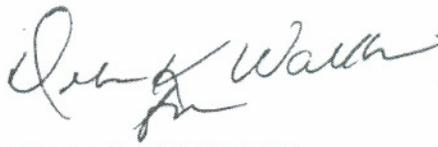
The DOD AMB designated the Air Force's Versatile Depot Automatic Test Station (VDATS) as a DOD approved Family of Testers during the AMB meeting on 19 Sep 07. Program Managers can find the DOD ATS Policy, including the DOD ATS Selection Process Guide and the list of approved ATS Family of Testers, at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/ats>. ATS policy will be updated incorporating the designation of the 742nd CBSG as the Air Force ATS Leadership Office and ATS Product Group Manager, replacing SA-ALC/LDA.

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