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SUBJECT: Air Force Guidance Memorandum to AFI 63-101: Acquisition and Sustainment Life Cycle Management

This is Air Force Guidance Memorandum immediately implements changes to AFI 63-101, *Acquisition and Sustainment Life Cycle Management*, adding acquisition related roles and responsibilities for the Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration (AF/A10). Compliance with this memorandum is mandatory. To the extent its directions are inconsistent with other Air Force publications, the information herein prevails, in accordance with AFI 33-360, *Publications and Forms Management*.

Reinvigorating the Air Force Nuclear Enterprise is our highest priority. At the Nuclear Summit held 18 September 2008, a decision was made to create a new AF/A10 headquarters directorate to send a clear and visible signal that the Air Force is committed to resolving the fragmented lines of authority across all levels of the nuclear enterprise. In Nov 2008, as directed by the CSAF, AF/A10 was stood-up with the immediate goal of revitalizing the nuclear enterprise and to provide a headquarters department with a singular focus on the nuclear mission. Additionally, AF/A10 provides advocacy and support of Global Strike Command as they assume their new role as part of the overall Air Force Nuclear Enterprise.

Upon review, AFI 63-101, *Acquisition and Sustainment Life Cycle Management*, does not currently capture the vital AF/A10 roles, responsibilities and authorities required as part of the AF's nuclear requirements and acquisition management process. The below language is hereby added to AFI 63-101 to immediately fill this critical guidance gap.

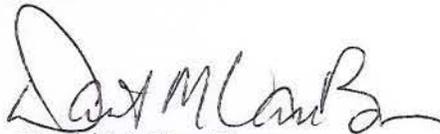
HQ AF, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence & Nuclear Integration (AF/A10) will:

- Act as the single HAF nuclear staff authority and advocate to ensure uniformity and accuracy of nuclear acquisition and sustainment lifecycle management policy and guidance. Provide staff oversight to ensure synchronization and integration of all related issues across the nuclear enterprise. Review and advocate, in collaboration with and in support of MAJCOMs, nuclear mission support priorities and associated plans with the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), Joint Staff, Department of Energy (DOE),

National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), US Strategic Command, Defense Threat Reduction Agency, Defense Logistics Agency, and US Navy.

- Provide presence and advocacy for nuclear enterprise-wide initiatives supporting Air Force nuclear weapon system requirements in the acquisition processes with respect to nuclear and global strike capabilities.
- Collaboratively work with appropriate acquisition agencies, testers, sustainers, contractors, DOE, NNSA, National Laboratories, and other key stakeholders in developing operational capability requirements documents and associated courses of action (COAs).
- Support Acquisition Decision Memorandum (ADM) and Program Management Directive (PMD) development as needed for nuclear enterprise matters.
- Review Life Cycle Management Plans (LCMP) as required or requested.
- Review capability requirements documents to ensure they accurately address operability, supportability, systems survivability, nuclear surety, and account for necessary USAF infrastructure.
- Validate operational issues concerning nuclear system survivability.
- Participate as an advisor in the Integrated Life Cycle Management (ILCM) Executive Forum when issues regarding phasing or adjustments to nuclear requirements are addressed.

The guidance in this Memorandum does not vest acquisition authority in AF/A10. This Memorandum becomes void after 180 days have elapsed from the date of this memorandum, or upon incorporation by interim change to, or a rewrite of AFI 63-101, *Acquisition and Sustainment Life Cycle Management* whichever is earlier.



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