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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
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SUBJECT: Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Programs

Chapter 144A of title 10, United States Code, as enacted by section 816 of the National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2007 (Public Law No. 109-364), assigns new responsibilities to the Service Acquisition Executives and to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics. These responsibilities relate to reporting requirements for MAIS programs.

I delegate my authorities and assign my responsibilities under Chapter 144A to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Networks and Information Integration (ASD(NII)) regarding MAIS programs of DoD Components (other than the Military Departments), except for MAIS programs for which I retain direct authority.

The ASD(NII) shall:

- Take necessary actions to implement the statute by: (1) working process, product and resource issues; (2) developing Defense Acquisition Guidebook guidance; (3) ensuring the Defense Acquisition University training courses address the new statutory requirements; and (4) ensuring the new statutory requirements are included in DoD Instruction 5000.2.
- Review and coordinate on critical and significant variance reports prepared under subsections (c) and (d) of 10 U.S.C. 2445c prior to submittal to Congress.

A summary of the new requirements is attached. My point of contact is Mr. Tim Harp, Director, Acquisition, OASD(NII)/DoD CIO, at 703-602-1720, ext 130, [tim.harp@osd.mil](mailto:tim.harp@osd.mil).



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## Requirements of New Chapter 144A of Title 10, United States Code

Chapter 144A of title 10, United States Code, as enacted by section 816 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2007 (Public Law No. 109-364), requires the Department to annually submit to Congress budget justification documents regarding cost, schedule, and performance for each major automated information system (MAIS) program. These documents are due not later than 45 days after the President submits the budget to Congress, and the first submission is due following submission of the FY 2009 budget (section 2445b(a)).

The statute contains a number of other provisions, including:

(1) Assigning the cognizant Service Acquisition Executive as “the senior DoD official responsible for a MAIS program” for MAIS programs being acquired by a Military Department (section 2445c(b)(1));

(2) Assigning the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics as “the senior DoD official responsible for a MAIS program” for MAIS programs being acquired by a DoD Component other than a Military Department (section 2445c(b)(2));

(3) Directing MAIS program managers to submit quarterly reports to the senior DoD official responsible for the program, identifying any variance in the projected development schedule, implementation schedule, life-cycle costs, or key performance parameters (section 2445c(a));

(4) Directing the responsible senior DoD officials to determine whether “significant” or “critical” variances have occurred in MAIS program cost, schedule or performance (section 2445c(c)(2) and (d)(2)); and

(5) Directing the responsible senior DoD officials to submit written reports to Congress when such variances occur (section 2445c(c)(1) and (d)(1)).