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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS

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COMMANDER, UNITED STATES CENTRAL COMMAND

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GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF

DEFENSE

SUBJECT: Commanders' Emergency Response Program (CERP) Financial Management Regulation Update

Attached is revised guidance for CERP to assign to the Secretary of the Navy the responsibility for management and reporting on CERP in the Philippines. This revision will be incorporated into the DoD Financial Management Regulation in the next update.

Responsible Department of Defense officials should ensure that this guidance is applied consistently in administering the CERP in order to maintain the transparency and accountability of the program. Questions regarding the application of the guidance may be directed to my point of contact, Meg Dunleavy. She can be reached by telephone at (703) 697-0948 or by email at Margaret.Dunleavy@osd.mil.

Attachment:

As stated

cc:

Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff Commander, Special Operations Forces Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service Inspector General, Department of Defense Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation Update Volume 12 Chapter 27 Paragraph 270202 is updated as follows:

270202. Secretaries of the Army and Navy. In line with apportionment of appropriations for CERP, the Secretary of the Army shall manage CERP in Iraq and Afghanistan and the Secretary of the Navy shall manage CERP in the Philippines. In that capacity the Army for Afghanistan and Iraq and the Navy for the Philippines shall forward quarterly reports to Congress and shall promulgate detailed procedures as necessary to ensure that unit commanders carry out the CERP in a manner consistent with applicable laws, regulations, and this guidance. These procedures shall include rules for expending CERP funds through contracts and grants, in accordance with paragraph 270308, below.

(Paragraph included for reference only, no change with this update)

270308. Contracts and Grants. U.S. appropriations and other funds made available for the CERP may be expended through contracts and grants that are prepared and executed in accordance with regulations designed to ensure transparency, fairness and accountability. To the maximum extent practicable, these regulations shall be consistent with Coalition Provisional Authority Memorandum Number 4, Contract and Grant Procedures Applicable to Vested and Seized Iraqi Property and the Development Fund for Iraq, dated August 19, 2003.