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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Joint Computer-Aided Acquisition and Logistic Support (JCALS) System

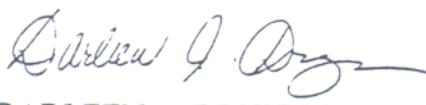
The JCALS program is a part of the Department of Defense's Continuous Acquisition and Life-cycle Support (CALC) strategy. JCALS is an automated information system (AIS) that will provide the infrastructure that will allow the USAF to implement its vision of technical order (TO) management into the 21<sup>st</sup> century and beyond.

The Air Force has recently initiated a process that will upgrade and modernize our management of TOs and support the Air Force TO vision (i.e. all technical order users are provided up-to-date, technically accurate, and user-friendly TOs at an acceptable price). A catalyst to achieve this vision is JCALS. JCALS will allow the Air Force to improve the Joint Technical Manual core functions; manage, improve, acquire, publish, stock, and distribute. The JCALS design is flexible, allowing the Air Force to fully exploit emerging interactive digital media technologies and to meet our goal to digitize all TOs by the year 2002.

To ensure we can successfully achieve our vision, SAF/AQ and HQ USAF/IL endorse JCALS as the Air Force's standard TO management system tool and infrastructure. All future TO AIS should be compatible with JCALS and must not duplicate JCALS functions. MAJCOMs must prepare to implement JCALS to achieve the greatest return on investment for the Air Force. Lead Commands and Single Managers must work together to ensure all Air Force TOs, which will remain in the "active" inventory, are JCALS compatible on or before FY05. Waivers will require approval by HQ USAF/ILMM and will be authorized only when justification is presented that the required capability is not provided by JCALS, or that an improvement in cost/benefit can be achieved through other means.

Any questions regarding guidance should be directed to HQ USAF/ILMM. Point of contact is Wyman Hawkins, HQ USAF/ILMM, DSN 227-6319, commercial (703) 697-6319 or John Whitmore, SAF/AQIK, DSN 425-7089, commercial (703) 588-7089.

  
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