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SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2005 Rapid Acquisition Authority (RAA)

The Global War on Terrorism and our recent experiences with Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom have highlighted the urgency of rapidly fulfilling the operational needs of our warfighters. In accordance with section 806 (c) of the Bob Stump National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Pub. L. No. 107-314), as amended by section 811 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Pub. L. No. 108-375), pertaining to RAA, the Secretary of Defense may make a written determination identifying equipment as urgently needed to eliminate a combat capability deficiency that has resulted in combat fatalities. This authority is limited to an aggregated amount of not more than \$100 million during any fiscal year.

All requests for a Secretarial determination under section 806 (c) shall be submitted to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology & Logistics) (USD(AT&L)) through the Joint Rapid Acquisition Cell (JRAC). The JRAC will act as the organization responsible for receiving cases, recommending which cases require use of the RAA, and tracking progress on fulfillment of the urgent combat capability deficiency. In addition, the JRAC, in consultation with affected Services and/or Agencies, is authorized to identify funds available to DoD within the current fiscal year for acquisition of this equipment.

Requestors of needed equipment should follow the process and format as outlined in the Deputy Secretary of Defense's "Meeting Immediate Warfighter Needs"



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