

E2. ENCLOSURE 2ACAT AND MDA

E2.1.1. General. A technology project or acquisition program shall be categorized based on its location in the acquisition process, dollar value, and MDA special interest.

E2.1.2. Pre-ACAT Technology Projects. Advanced Technology Demonstrations, Joint Warfighting Experiments, Advanced Concept and Technology Demonstrations, Concept Refinement, and Technology Development occur prior to acquisition program initiation. The USD(AT&L) shall be the MDA for those projects that, if successful, will likely result in an MDAP. The ASD(C3I)/DoD CIO shall be the MDA for those projects that, if successful, will result in a MAIS.

E2.1.3. Table E2.T1. contains the description and decision authority for ACAT I through III programs.

Table E2.T1. Description and Decision Authority for ACAT I- III Programs

Acquisition Category	Reason for ACAT Designation	Decision Authority
ACAT I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MDAP (10 USC 2430, reference (n)) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dollar value: estimated by the USD(AT&L) to require an eventual total expenditure for research, development, test and evaluation (RDT&E) of more than \$365 million in fiscal year (FY) 2000 constant dollars or, for procurement, of more than \$2.190 billion in FY2000 constant dollars o MDA designation • MDA designation as special interest 	ACAT ID: USD(AT&L) ACAT IC: Head of the DoD Component or, if delegated, the DoD Component Acquisition Executive (CAE)
ACAT IA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MAIS: Dollar value of AIS estimated by the DoD Component Head to require program costs (all appropriations) in any single year in excess of \$32 million in fiscal year (FY) 2000 constant dollars, total program costs in excess of \$126 million in FY2000 constant dollars, or total life-cycle costs in excess of \$378 million in FY2000 constant dollars • MDA designation as special interest 	ACAT IAM: ASD(C3I)/DoD CIO ACAT IAC: CAE, as delegated by the DoD CIO
ACAT II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not meet criteria for ACAT I • Major system <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Dollar value: estimated by the DoD Component Head to require an eventual total expenditure for RDT&E of more than \$140 million in FY2000 constant dollars, or for procurement of more than \$660 million in FY2000 constant dollars (10 USC 2302d, reference (o)) o MDA designation⁴ (10 USC 2302(5), reference (p)) • MDA designation as special interest 	DoD CAE or the individual designated by the CAE
ACAT III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does not meet criteria for ACAT II or above • Less-than a MAIS program 	Designated by the DoD CAE at the lowest level appropriate