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MEMORANDUM FOR PROGRAM MANAGER, DPAS, UNDER SECRETARY OF
DEFENSE, ACQUISITION AND TECHNOLOGY

SUBJECT: Approval to Operate (ATO) the Defense Property Accountability System (DPAS)

In accordance with the provisions of DoD Instruction 5200.40, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) Regulation 8500.1-R, and the Director for Acquisition Resources and Analysis (USD/AT&L) memorandum, dated October 1, 2003 delegating the Designated Approving Authority (DAA) responsibility to DFAS due to the pending transfer of DPAS to DFAS, an ATO is issued for DPAS.

While the current DPAS ATO expired September 22, 2003, I understand the need to keep DPAS operational until the Budget Change Proposal (BCP) to transfer DPAS to DFAS is complete. In the event that the DPAS BCP results in another agency taking over management of DPAS, DAA responsibility should transfer to that agency.

This system is authorized to operate in the threat environment and with the stated vulnerabilities and risks identified in the System Security Authorization Agreement (SSAA), dated September 24, 2003, and as recommended in your certification memorandum, dated October 1, 2003. This system is authorized to process information up to and including Sensitive Information in a System High mode of operations.

This ATO is valid as long as the baseline security safeguards defined in the SSAA are implemented, but not for more than three years from the date of this memorandum. This ATO will terminate sooner if there are any changes that affect the security posture of the system. It is the responsibility of the Information System Security Officer and the senior official in charge of the system to ensure that any change in threat, vulnerability, configuration, hardware, software, connectivity, or any other modification is analyzed to determine its impact on system security. Appropriate safeguards will be implemented to maintain a level of security consistent with this ATO.

Retain this memorandum on file, as it serves as your authorization for operations. My point of contact for this effort is DFAS DTC, at 703-607-3965.

Director, Information and Technology
(Designated Approving Authority)

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