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**MEMORANDUM FOR**

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**SUBJECT: Policy Directive for Implementing Test and Evaluation Strategies within  
Acquisition Management Plans**

**1. Reference:**

- a. Memorandum, Assistant Secretary of the Army - Acquisition Logistics and Technology, 15 December 2017, subject: Implementing Acquisition Streamlining and Cultural Change
- b. U.S. Special Operations Command Directive 70-1, (Acquisition Management System Policy), 20 March 2018
- c. Department of Defense Instruction 5000.02, Change 3, (Operation of the Defense Acquisition System), 10 August 2017
- d. Army Regulation 73-1, (Test and Evaluation Policy), 8 June 2018

**2. Background:**

- a. The Assistant Secretary of the Army - Acquisition Logistics and Technology Memorandum (reference 1a) directs the use of a Simplified Acquisition Management Plan for all ACAT IV programs, new ACAT III programs, and selected ACAT II programs. The memorandum refers to U.S. Special Operations Command (SOCOM) Directive 70-1 as a useful source.
- b. The SOCOM Directive 70-1 (reference 1b) defines the Single Acquisition Management Plan (SAMP) as the documented consolidation of all acquisition program strategies, to include but not limited to: funding, contract, test, and logistics. It is tailored to the specific needs of the program. The SAMP documents how the program shall address Department of Defense Instruction (DODI) 5000.02 (reference 1c) regulatory

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information requirements for acquisition programs in support of acquisition milestones and decision points.

c. Army Regulation 73-1 (reference 1d), states all acquisition programs require a Test and Evaluation Master Plan (TEMP), except for certain programs involving investigational drugs, biologicals, and medical devices involving humans, or for rapid acquisition. All testing planned during the acquisition of a system, including the live fire Test and Evaluation (T&E) strategy, will be identified in the TEMP. There will be one TEMP per system or increment. An Army-approved TEMP is required before commitment of (acceptance to provide) T&E resources, with the only exception being valid emerging test requirements necessary for long term planning. The TEMP serves as a signed contract for executing the T&E strategy among the PM, capability developer, and the T&E community.

#### 3. Directive:

a. For designated programs, the Milestone Decision Authority (MDA), or representative, will work within the T&E Working-level Integrated Product Team (WIPT) to develop a T&E Strategy as part of the SAMP in lieu of a TEMP. The T&E WIPT may still recommend the development of a TEMP; however, the MDA shall make the final decision regarding which document to produce.

b. The T&E Strategy in a SAMP shall include the following: an integrated test program schedule, any technical, developmental, operational, or integrated test events and objectives, a technical and operational evaluation framework, and a test resource summary.


c. The MDA, or designee, is the overall approval authority for the SAMP; however, the independent system evaluator and capability proponent (unless the same organization) must approve the T&E strategy portion of the SAMP for all non - DOT&E oversight programs at the equivalent rank/grade as the MDA. For DOD Chemical and Biological Defense Program systems, the MDA and T&E Executive will co-approve the SAMP.

d. This Policy Directive is in effect until superseded by an official update to AR 73-1.

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