Subject: Information Technology in Army MILCON

Applicability: Directive

1. AR 25-1 requires that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) “coordinate the planning, design, and contract negotiations of the technical and functional requirements of information systems and communications systems for all Army MILCON projects.” It also requires that the U.S. Army Information Systems Engineering Command – Ft. Detrick Engineering Directorate (USAISEC-FDED), “validate information systems technical requirements and associated cost estimates for all Army MILCON projects.”

2. There is an existing Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), dated 26 March 1998, between AMC and USACE that further details the responsibilities of the two organizations to assure that USAISEC-FDED reviews all design submittals, solicitation packages and RFPs that include, or should include, information technology. The MOA states that USACE will “Provide all necessary and appropriate design documents directly to USAISEC-FDED, as well as to installation DOIMs, for the purpose of marking up or reviewing and commenting on, and approving IS designs in support of MILCON projects.”

3. In addition to the design review responsibilities that the MOA assigns to USAISEC-FDED, they also can provide limited on-site quality assurance, quality control, and witness acceptance tests of the installed information technology.

4. A joint memorandum issued by DAIM-FD/CEMP-M on 17 July 2000 allows the local DOIM to install portions of the information technology infrastructure on a project-by-project basis. The installation commander must first obtain concurrence from the USACE design district, and then forward the request through their command and control IMA region or their MACOM to OASIM (DAIM-FDC) for final waiver approval. Without final approval, information technology must remain in the construction project as originally designed.

5. To assure that the above actions are accomplished, the district project manager is responsible for submitting all design submittals, solicitation packages, and RFPs to USAISEC-FDED in a timely manner for review and also coordinating the disposition of comments as mutually agreed.
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