Subject: Design-Build Process

1. The initial phase of streamlining Design-Build Part 2, Division One sections is complete. The result is a guide that incorporates several key initiatives:
   - Incorporates feedback from the NAVFAC Design Build Industry Forum.
   - Applies recent lessons learned from executing both routine and fast-track contingency and hurricane recovery projects.
   - Standardizes the process.
   - Reduces the steps and simplifies the process.
   - Documents a major shift to in-house design and construction QA vs. QC.
   - Squarely places the responsibility for performance on the contractor.
   - Enables fast tracking of design and construction.
   - Enables shorter design/construction cycle time.

2. Use this guide for executing FY06/07 BRACON and Supplementals, FY07 MILCON and FY06/07 O&MN projects.

3. Division 01, Part 2, sections have been modified specifically for use in Design-Build projects and will be available at the NAVFAC Design-Build RFP (NDBM) website on the Whole Building Design Guide in December, 2005: http://www.wbdg.org/ndbm.

4. These specifications will reside on the NDBM and will be updated monthly.

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