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ACQUISITION OF COMPLEX SYSTEMS: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT GUIDE FOR

SCOPE

1. Purpose

This handbook contains guidelines and criteria for a resource management system to be used during the acquisition of complex systems. The provisions of this guide specifically require the use of Cost/Schedule Control Systems Criteria (C/SCSC) in selected acquisition contracts.

2. Applicability

The acquisitions governed by this guide are for selected contracts within programs designated as complex system acquisition programmed. This guide will not apply to fixed price contracts, but to cost-reimbursement contracts. Application of the C/SCSC to major projects is also encouraged where appropriate.

3. Structure of this handbook

This handbook is divided into three parts, with appendices.

Part 1 deals with the scope of the handbook and the philosophy of resource management.

Part 2 deals with reference documents, definitions and the requirements for resource management systems and establishment of C/SCSC.

Part 3 deals with contracting for resource management.

Appendix A contains an example of the integration of the contracted work breakdown structure and the contractor's functional organization and the concept of a Cost Account.

Appendix B contains an example of a work breakdown structure and glossary (extracts only) for an air defence system,