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20. ABSTRACT (Continue on reverse side if necessary and identify by block number)

This report is one of a series of guidebooks whose purpose is to assist Air Force Program Office and Engineering personnel in the Acquisition and Engineering of Airborne Systems Software. This guidebook describes the structure and functions of the Regulations, Specifications, and Standards (RSS) System of documents. It describes how to select appropriate RSS for contractual compliance and how to tailor them and reference them in the contractual documents. It also explains how to develop the data item requirements and contains a summary of...
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PREFACE

This guidebook on regulations, specifications, and standards is one of a series of guidebooks intended to assist the Air Force Program Office and engineering personnel in software acquisition engineering for airborne systems. The contents of the guidebooks will be revised periodically to reflect changes in software acquisition policies and practices and feedback from users.

This guidebook has been prepared under the direction of the Aeronautical Systems Division (ASD), Deputy for Engineering (EN), in coordination with the Space and Missile Systems Organization (SAMSO), Air Force Systems Command (AFSC).

The series of Software Acquisition Engineering Guidebooks (Airborne Systems) is currently planned to cover the following topics:

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2. Regulations, Specifications, and Standards
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4. Reviews and Audits
5. Contracting for Software Acquisition
6. Statements of Work and Requests for Proposal
7. Verification, Validation, and Certification
8. Configuration Management
9. Measuring and Reporting Software Status
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1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this guidebook is to assist Air Force Program Office and engineering personnel to interpret, select, and apply regulations, specifications, and standards (RSS) to the acquisition of airborne system software.

This guidebook describes the structure and functions of the RSS system of documents, emphasizing areas of special importance for airborne system software acquisition under the 800 series of Air Force regulations, and explains both the obligations of an acquisition program to comply with certain RSS and the vital support that other RSS will provide in the establishment of requirements for contract compliance. This guidebook describes how to select appropriate RSS for contractual compliance, how to tailor them for maximum effectiveness, and how to reference them in the contract documents. It also explains how to develop an entire set of data item (i.e., documentation) requirements for a software development program. Finally, it contains summaries of key RSS, an RSS bibliography, a list of related guidance documents, and lists of definitions, abbreviations, and acronyms.

1.2 CONTEXT OF RSS

1.2.1 RSS Within the System Life Cycle

The greatest value of regulations, specifications, and standards for a procurement is their ability to establish common acquisition directions and goals for Government and contractor personnel. To accomplish this task effectively, the RSS must be selected, tailored, and applied early enough to be assimilated and implemented in their intended manner.
The general path that a program should take in establishing its RSS requirements at the start of an acquisition is defined by HQ USAF in a Program Management Directive (PMD). The PMD may identify regulations within the AF 800 series that are to be followed and also some regulations not to be followed. From this general RSS baseline, a program must develop successive levels of RSS requirements that will carry it through the entire acquisition process and sustain the operating and supporting commands thereafter. This entire structure of RSS should be identified by the end of the conceptual phase, even though some items still are tentative. By the end of the validation phase, the Program Office should have established the definitive, tailored set of RSS that will guide it and all other program participants through the full-scale engineering development, production, deployment, and operation/maintenance phases.

1.2.2 RSS Within the Guidebook Series

This guidebook is only an introduction to the RSS system and a general account of its application to the acquisition process. The other volumes of this series contain the detailed guidelines for interpreting, evaluating, and applying the particular RSS that are appropriate to their special subject matter.

This guidebook has many links with two others: "Contracting for Software Acquisition" and "Statements of Work and Requests for Proposal." It also has close connections with "Computer Program Documentation Requirements." For the other guidebooks in this series, it is an important support document.

1.3 CONTENTS OF THE GUIDEBOOK

This guidebook contains the following parts:

- **Abbreviations and Acronyms.** A list of abbreviations and acronyms used in this guidebook.

- **Section 1, Introduction.** Describes the purpose and scope of this guidebook, states the general functions of RSS within the system acquisition life cycle and within this guidebook series, and outlines the contents of this guidebook.
Section 2, Software Acquisition Life Cycle. Briefly describes defense system life cycle.

Section 3, RSS System. Provides an overview of the entire RSS system, discusses the importance and characteristics of the AF 800 series of RSS to software acquisition, and briefly examines other useful RSS.

Section 4, Using RSS as Compliance Documents. Discusses the process of referencing RSS as compliance documents, general procurement and contractual considerations, and selection and tailoring of RSS.

Section 5, Defining Program Data Items. Describes the entire procedure for establishing program-peculiar data item requirements. Discusses Data Item Descriptions (DIDs), the Data Call process, and several alternate documentation standards.

Appendix A, Summaries of Key RSS. Summarizes key RSS having particular significance for acquisition of airborne systems with software components.

Appendix B, RSS Bibliography. Lists several hundred RSS that have some relation to software acquisition management and development tasks.

Appendix C, Related Guidance Documents. Lists several guidebooks outside this series that offer useful information on RSS and software data items.

Appendix D, List of Definitions. Defines some basic software acquisition terms.

A pocket at the end of this guidebook contains a wall chart showing basic documentation requirements for the entire life cycle of a medium or large software development program.

The titles, numbers, and dates of the RSS discussed in this guidebook, including Appendices A and B, are based on the latest information available at the time of publication. Before RSS are used or referenced in an acquisition, the latest official Government indexes should be consulted to determine if they are still current.
2. SOFTWARE ACQUISITION LIFE CYCLE

The normal weapon system acquisition life cycle, as defined in AFR 800-2, "Program Management," and in more detail in AFR 800-3, "Engineering for Defense Systems," consists of five phases: conceptual, validation, full-scale engineering development, production, and deployment. Figure 2-1 shows these phases together with the major tasks for both software (CPCI) and hardware (CI) development, related design reviews, configuration audits, baselines, and the four milestones defined by DODD 5000.1.

Software development proceeds through the system life cycle essentially in the same manner as hardware development. The major difference is that software development requires no production phase, but proceeds directly from full-scale development to deployment.

The concurrent hardware and software development cycles illustrated in Figure 2-1 are applicable in a general sense to systems requiring comparable development efforts for both. In addition, computer programs often are developed for studies, concept validation, and other special circumstances that do not include parallel hardware development. Several software development life cycles therefore may occur during one system development life cycle.

The general tasks required for software development after establishment of the hardware and software requirements are as follows:

a. Preliminary design,
b. Detailed design,
c. Coding and unit test,
d. Integration and test (CPCI tests and integrated system testing), and
e. Installation.

Table 2-1 briefly describes these tasks and relates them to reviews, audits, baselines, and primary product documents.
The reviews and audits shown in Table 2-1 and Figure 2-1 are based on the requirements of MIL-STD-1521A (USAF) except for the TRR (Test Readiness Review), a contractor internal review that ensures that prerequisites for software integration and system testing have been performed. Separate reviews and audits usually are conducted for the hardware and software portions of a system subsequent to SDR (System Design Review) and prior to the integrated system FCA (Functional Configuration Audit), PCA (Physical Configuration Audit), and FQR (Formal Qualification Review). The configuration management principles of MIL-STD-483 and the specification requirements of MIL-STD-490 also are implied in Table 2-1 and Figure 2-1.

For additional information on the software development environment, see AFR 800-14, Vol. II, and the guidebook in this series entitled, "SAE Guidebooks — Application and Use."
Figure 2-1. Idealized System Life Cycle
3. RSS SYSTEM

The RSS system is massive and complicated, and is often cumbersome because it was not designed as a system originally and has never been maintained as a system. Nevertheless, its parts fit together in a loose structure possessing some logical relationships. This section describes the RSS structure and points out those parts that are most important to the AF Program Office and engineering personnel involved in airborne system software acquisition.

3.1 RSS CATEGORIES AND TYPES

RSS that have a bearing on procurements within DOD may be divided into two categories:

a. **Internal Documents.** These are RSS applicable internally to the Government (directives, regulations, etc.) or internally to a contractor (procedures, internal reports, etc.).

b. **Compliance Documents.** These are RSS that are used to impose contract requirements on a contractor (specifications and standards).

A further breakdown of the RSS within these two categories is shown in Table 3-1, together with the RSS documents that govern the format and content of each RSS type and the rules for referencing compliance documents in procurement contracts. The purposes of most of the document types in the RSS system are described in Table 3-2.

Note in these two tables that the RSS system employs two general kinds of "specifications:" (a) the military, Federal, and DOD industry adopted specifications that contain general requirements (Type 9) or detail requirements (Type 8) applicable to more than one procurement program and (b) the program-peculiar specifications (Types 5, 6, and 7) that define unique procurement items.
### Table 2-1. Major Component System/Software Life Cycle

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<td><strong>Purpose:</strong> To define overall mission and system requirements.</td>
<td>Preliminary statement of software requirements, if available.</td>
<td>1. System Requirements Review (SRR)*</td>
<td>Functional Baseline (configuration control of Preliminary System Spec or Preliminary System Segment Spec)</td>
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<td>2. DSARC I (Program Decision)</td>
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<td><strong>VALIDATION PHASE</strong></td>
<td>Major system characteristics are refined through studies, system engineering, and preliminary equipment and computer program development, test, and evaluation.</td>
<td>1. System Design Review (SDR)</td>
<td>Allocated Baseline (configuration control of System Spec or System Segment Spec and usually of CPCI Development Specs)</td>
<td>1. Final System Spec (or Final System Segment Spec) at SDR</td>
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<td><strong>Purpose:</strong> To validate system concepts and establish the functional requirements for major end items of the system.</td>
<td>2. DSARC II (Ratification Decision)</td>
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<td>2. Preliminary CPCI Development Specs</td>
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<td><strong>FULL-SCALE ENGINEERING DEVELOPMENT PHASE</strong></td>
<td>1. Preliminary Design, Definition of the CPCIs in terms of functions, external and internal interfaces, storage allocation, operating sequences, and data base design.</td>
<td>1. Preliminary Design Review (PDR)</td>
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<td>1. Final CPCI Development Specs at PDR</td>
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<td><strong>Purpose:</strong> To design, build, and test system end items; to integrate end items into a complete system; and to test system under as nearly operational conditions as possible.</td>
<td>2. Detailed Design, Definition of CPCI structure, interface logic, and data base to point where coding can begin.</td>
<td>Critical Design Review (CDR)</td>
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<td>2. Preliminary CPCI Code-To Product Specs</td>
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<td>3. Coding and Unit Test, Routines and data files are coded, debugged (will compile), and checked out (will produce correct results from predefined inputs).</td>
<td>Test Readiness Review (TRR, a contractor internal review)</td>
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<td>Final CPCI Code-To Product Specs at CDR</td>
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<td>4. Integration and Test, CPCIs are tested together in increasingly larger combinations until all CPCIs developed by the same contractor are functioning together correctly.</td>
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<td>a. CPCI Tests, CPCIs are tested together in increasingly larger combinations until all CPCIs developed by the same contractor are functioning together correctly.</td>
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<td>b. Integrated System Testing, All CPCIs and hardware Cls of the system are tested together to verify that the system meets the requirements of the system spec,</td>
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<td><strong>PRODUCTION/DEPLOYMENT AND OPERATION/MAINTENANCE PHASES</strong></td>
<td>Installation, maintenance, and modification, as required.</td>
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<td><strong>Purpose:</strong> To field system to operational sites and install and test them, then to operate and maintain them.</td>
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<td>None (usually continuing configuration control of specs and products)</td>
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* SRRs normally are conducted during the conceptual phase or validation phase, but also may be conducted any other time. ** Example documentation requirements for software acquisition are listed in Table 5-2 and shown in life cycle context in Figure 5-1.
# Table 2-1. Major Components of Typical System/Software Acquisition Life Cycle

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<td>Major system characteristics are refined through studies, system engineering, and preliminary equipment and computer program development, test, and evaluation.</td>
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1. Preliminary Design. Definition of the CPCIs in terms of functions, external and internal interfaces, storage allocation, operating sequences, and data base design.

2. Detailed Design. Definition of CPCIs structure, interface logic, and data base to point where coding can begin.

3. Coding and Unit Test. Routines and data files are coded, debugged (will compile), and checked out (will produce correct results from predefined inputs).

4. Integration and Test

4. Integration and Test

a. CPCIs Tests. CPCIs are tested together in increasingly larger combinations until all CPCIs developed by the same contractor are functioning together correctly.

b. Integrated System Testing. All CPCIs and hardware CPCIs of the system are tested together to verify that the system meets the requirements of the system spec.

Installation, maintenance, and modification, as required.

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Federal government contractors are conducting the conceptual phase or validation phase, but also may be conducted any other time.

Software requirements for software acquisition are listed in Table 5-2 and shown in life cycle context in Figure 5-1.
## I. INTERNAL DOCUMENTS

### A. GOVERNMENT INTERNAL DOCUMENTS

#### 1. Directive Types
- 1a. DOD Directives (DODD)
- 1b. DOD Instruction (DODI)
- 1c. Regulation
- 1d. Manual
- 1e. Operating Instruction
- 1f. Publishing Bulletin
- 1g. Supplement
- 1h. Technical Orders

#### 2. Informative Types
- 2a. Pamphlet
- 2b. Visual Aid
- 2c. Base or Headquarters Official Bulletin
- 2d. Staff Digest

#### 3. Special Types
- 3a. Design Handbook
- 3b. Guidebook

### B. CONTRACTOR INTERNAL DOCUMENTS

#### 4. Contractor Internal Types
- 4b. Report
- 4c. Contractor Standard
- 4d. Contractor Procedure and Process Document

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## II. COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS

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I. INTERNAL DOCUMENTS

A. GOVERNMENT INTERNAL DOCUMENTS

1. Directive Types
   1a. DOD Directive (DODI). DOD directives provide policy guidance to the Air Force, Army, Navy, and other DOD agencies. They are implemented in the Air Force through the AF Standard Publication System.
   1b. DOD Instruction (DODI). DOD instructions describe how a DOD directive policy is implemented. DODIs are implemented in the Air Force through the AF Standard Publication System.
   1c. Regulation. Regulations are policy statements of DOD, Air Force, or other DOD components.
   1d. Manual. Manuals implement regulations by defining policies, concepts, techniques, procedures, and responsibilities.
   1e. Operating Instruction. Operating instructions announce policy and prescribe procedures within a headquarters (headquarters operating procedures or HQI), within an organization, (e.g., branch operating instruction, or BOI), or within a maintenance functional area (maintenance operating instruction, or MOI).
   1g. Supplement. Supplements are issued at the command level to supplement a basic publication (regulation, manual, or instruction) of a higher headquarters. They are not substitutes for new publications and are not used to correct or alter existing publications.
   1h. Technical Orders. Technical Orders are instructions for operating and maintaining equipment or performing other tasks that require a standard procedure.

2. Informative Types
   2a. Pamphlet. Pamphlets are nondirective, informal informational publications.
   2b. Visual Aid. Visual aids are permanent or temporary charts, posters, or other graphic illustrations issued for display.
   2c. Base or Headquarters Official Bulletin. These bulletins contain temporary announcements, notices, and instructions.
   2d. Staff Digest. Staff digests contain summaries of significant staff actions, important announcements, and special notices.

3. Special Types
   3a. Design Handbook. Design handbooks are suggested practices that supplement specifications and standards by bringing together procedural and technical design information in the form of general design and engineering data. Design handbooks are not directive and are not an integral part of the Defense Standardization Program.
   3b. Guidebook. Guidebooks assist the Air Force or other DOD component in performing management activities.

B. CONTRACTOR INTERNAL DOCUMENTS

4. Contractor Internal Types
   Contractor internal documents are normally nondeliverable documents that contractors employ for standardization, guidance, instruction, and reporting within their own organizations during the planning and implementation of a Government contract. They include:
   4b. Report
   4c. Contractor Standard
   4d. Contractor Procedure and Process Document

II. COMPLIANCE DOCUMENT

C. PROGRAM-PECULIAR COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS

5. System Specification
   The system specification states the technical and mission requirements and allocates requirements to segments, subsystems, configuration areas, defines the interfaces between the functional areas, and requirements. (The system specification is Type A in MIL-STD-483, Appendix III.)

6. System Segment (or Subsystem) Specification
   A system segment is a discrete package of system performance, interfaces, and configuration items allocated for development by Governmental organization by the procuring activity. A system when a segment of an existing system requires major modification or a system segment specification is the same as for a system segment specification. When coverage is limited to a single prime development specification (Type B in MIL-STD-483) is adequate requires the latter to be used instead of a system segment specification.

7. CI (and CPCI) Specification
   Configuration item (CI) specifications generally prepared by technical characteristics of CIs that the contractors are developing.
   7b. Product Specification. The CPCI product specification (Type II in MIL-STD-483) specifies the detailed design of a CPCI element, such as operational, technical characteristics of CI that the contractors are developing.

8. Detail Specifications
   (Military, Federal, and DOD Adopted Industry)

9. General Specifications
   (Military, Federal, and DOD Adopted Industry)

   Military Specifications cover items or services that are intrinsically commercial items with features that meet special military commercial items with no present or known potential use by the military. Federal specifications, which are issued by the General Services Administration, cover items or services that are used by, or for or more Federal agencies, at least one of which is an agency having operations.

10. Handbooks
    (Military, Federal, and DOD Adopted Industry)

   Handbooks present general information, procedural or technical information that is related to the Defense Standardization Program or design, engineering, production procurement, or supply management of specifications and standards. Military handbooks reference material that will serve the Standardization Program.

11. Standards
    (Military, Federal, and DOD Adopted Industry)

   Standards are publications that establish engineering and technical requirements for items, materials, processes, designs, and equipment in procurement through the medium of specifications and are features of an item. Standards are invoked at the discretion of the Ministry of Defense Standardization Program.

Specifications describe the essential technical requirements to be procured, including the procedures for determining their met.
Lernal Types standardization references is optional, and not all handbooks are implemented in the Air Force through publication systems. DOD instructions describe how policy is implemented. DODs are implemented through the AF Standard Publication System. Regulations are policy statements of DOD, per DOD components. Technical Orders are instructions operating procedures within a headquarters or III, within an operating instruction, or a maintenance functional area (maintenance instruction, or MII). Bulletins, Publishing bulletins direct and of The AF publications distribution under AFM 7-1. Supplements are issued at the command of technical regulations (manual, or higher headquarters). They are not subpublications and are not used to correct or clarify. Technical Orders are instructions maintaining equipment or performing operations, and require a standard procedure. Types of MIL specifications are nondirective, informal publications. Technical Orders are instructions operating procedures or III, within an operating instruction, or a maintenance functional area (maintenance instruction, or MII). Bulletins, Publishing bulletins direct and of The AF publications distribution under AFM 7-1. Supplements are issued at the command of technical regulations (manual, or higher headquarters). They are not subpublications and are not used to correct or clarify. Staff digests contain summaries of signals, important announcements, and special book. Design Handbooks are suggested equipment specifications and standards by procedural and technical design data. These are not directive and are not an integral part of the Standardization Program. Guidebooks assist the Air Force or other performing maintenance activities.

TRACTOR INTERNAL DOCUMENTS

Table 3-2. Description of RSS Types

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<td>5. System Specification*</td>
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<td>The system specification states the technical and mission requirements for the system, allocates requirements to segments, subsystems, configuration items, or other functional areas, defines the interfaces between the functional areas, and specifies system level test requirements. (The system specification is Type A in MIL-STD-490 and is also discussed in MIL-STD-483, Appendix III.)</td>
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| 6. System Segment (or Subsystem) Specification * |
| A system segment is a discrete package of system performance requirements, functional interfaces, and configuration items allocated for development to one contractor or one Government organization by the procuring activity. A system segment specification is used when a system or major equipment is acquired on an incremental or evolutionary basis or when a segment of an existing system requires major modification. The format for a system segment specification is the same as for a system specification (Appendix III in MIL-STD-483). When coverage is limited to a single prime item and a prime item development specification (Type III in MIL-STD-483) is inadequate, MIL-STD-483 requires the latter to be used instead of a system segment specification. |

| 7. CI (and CPCI) Specification * |
| Configuration item (CI) specifications generally are prepared by contractors to describe the technical characteristics of CIs that the contractors are developing. For software, two types of computer program configuration item (CPCI) specifications are applicable. |

| 8. Development Specification. The CPCI development specification (Type B5 in MIL-STD-490 and Part I in MIL-STD-483) specifies the performance, design, and test requirements of a CPCI element. It describes in operational, functional, or mathematical terms all requirements necessary to design the CPCI or element and to test it against performance criteria. |

| 9. Product Specification. The CPCI product specification (Type C5 in MIL-STD-490 and Part II in MIL-STD-483) specifies the detailed design of a CPCI or CPCI element in terms of technical descriptions, flow charts, and in the final version, computer program listings. Prior to coding, this specification defines the code-to-design; after coding, it defines the as-coded design. |

| D. GENERAL COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS |

| 10. Handbooks (Military, Federal, and DOD Adopted Industry) |
| Handbooks present general information, procedural or technical use data, or design information that is related to the Defense Standardization Program and will be used in equipment, design, engineering, production procurement, or supply management operations, or for preparation of specifications and standards. Military handbooks also provide industry with reference material that will serve the Standardization Program. The use of handbooks as standardization references is optional, and not all handbooks are appropriate for such references. |

| 11. Standards (Military, Federal, and DOD Adopted Industry) |
| Standards are publications that establish engineering and technical limitations and applications for items, materials, processes, methods, designs, and engineering practices. They function in procurement through the medium of specifications and are used to standardize one or more features of an item. Standards are invoked at the discretion of the procuring agency, in accordance with AFR 73-1, "Defense Standardization Program." |

Specifications describe the essential technical requirements of items, materials, or services to be procured, including the procedures for determining whether the requirements have been met. 

<Table 3-2. Description of RSS Types>
The most important RSS for acquisition of software for airborne systems are listed in Table 3-3 and are summarized in Appendix A. Additional RSS that have some relevance to software acquisition are listed in Appendix B.

The Air Force, major commands, and field organizations are required to review the need for, and the content of, each document issued by the organization and to periodically issue indexes of all current standard documents. Table 3-4 lists the most important indexes and several other documents concerning the generation and use of RSS.

The numbering conventions for identification of major kinds of RSS are shown in Table 3-5.

3.2 IMPORTANCE OF AF 800 SERIES DOCUMENTS

The most important regulation concerning the acquisition of software for airborne systems is AFR 800-14, Volume II, entitled "Acquisition and Support of Computer Resources in Systems." This regulation and its companion Volume I (with AFSC Supplement 1) provide guidance for the proper planning, development, acquisition, employment, and support of computer hardware and software resources for major defense systems. Computer resources are the only commonly used components of Air Force systems whose acquisition and support have been treated in a separate regulation. One reason is that computer resources, particularly software, are sometimes minor parts of a total system in terms of resources expended and therefore have at times received inadequate management attention. Moreover, computer technology is a new and different technology in many respects and often is the critical path item in system procurements.

Volume I of AFR 800-14 establishes the basic policies for managing the acquisition and support of computer resources, and Volume II is a comprehensive presentation of the concepts and procedures required for implementing these policies. Volume II contains sections on management
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*The digit "1" in these document numbers represents any digit.*
directives and plans, system engineering, software testing, configuration management, software documentation, contract preparation, turnover and transfer, and deployment.

Four major computer resource directives and plans are defined in AFR 800-14, Volume II:

a. Program Management Directive (PMD). "The official HQ USAF management directive used to provide direction to the implementing and participating commands and satisfy documentation requirements. It will be used during the entire acquisition cycle to state requirements and request studies as well as initiate, approve, change, transition, modify or terminate programs. The content of the PMD, including the required HQ USAF review and approval actions, is tailored to the needs of each individual program." (Definition from AFR 800-2, Attachment 3, 16 March 1972.)

b. Program Management Plan (PMP). "The document developed and issued by the Program Manager which shows the integrated time-phased tasks and resources required to complete the task specified in the PMD. The PMP is tailored to the needs of each individual program." (Definition from AFR 800-2, Attachment 3, 16 March 1972.)

c. Computer Resources Integrated Support Plan (CRISP). "The CRISP identifies organizational relationships and responsibilities for the management and technical support of computer resources. It functions during the full-scale development phase to identify computer resources necessary to support computer programs after transfer of program management responsibility and system turnover. The CRISP continues to function after the transfer of program management responsibilities and system turnover as the basic agreement between the supporting and using commands for management and support of computer resources." (Definition from AFR 800-14, Volume II, 26 September 1975.)

d. Computer Program Development Plan (CPDP). "The CPDP identifies the actions needed to develop and deliver computer program configuration items and necessary support resources. It will be prepared by the implementing command or, if the development effort is contracted, the plan may be prepared by the contractor and approved by the implementing command." (Definition from AFR 800-14, Volume II, 26 September 1975.)
A regulation closely related to AFR 800-14 is AFR 800-2, entitled "Acquisition Management – Program Management." This is the management regulation for all Air Force acquisition of DOD-identified major defense systems. The entire system is managed according to AFR 800-2, and its computer resources are managed according to AFR 800-14.

A large number of other regulations, as well as pamphlets and manuals, are included in the Air Force 800 series of RSS. The series as a whole covers the acquisition of entire systems from the time the requirement is initially approved until the system is available to the operating command. The RSS bibliography in Appendix B lists many of these 800 series documents. The major characteristics of the 800 series RSS are summarized in Table 3-6.

The Air Force has another series of RSS – the 300 series – that is devoted entirely to the regulation and control of another category of computer systems, those that function as independent data processing systems rather than as integral elements of larger systems. This category is referred to in regulations as automatic data processing (ADP) systems and is carefully distinguished from the "computer resources" embedded in major defense systems.

Despite its different subject matter, the 300 series can play an important role in the acquisition and support of embedded computer resources. For one thing, the Air Force ADP Program Single Manager established by AFR 300-2, "Management of ADP Systems", is responsible for providing requested ADP technical and managerial information and advice to AFR 800-14 programs through HQ USAF coordination. In addition, several regulations and manuals in the 300 series can be employed for 800 series programs, including those pertaining to standardization of data elements, equipment, and computer programs and use of higher level programming languages. The general relationship of the 800 series and 300 series RSS is shown in Figure 3-1.
A. MISSION REQUIREMENTS

New or improved mission requirements may be initiated by any Air Force organization or by higher authority. Requirements are transmitted to Major Command and HQ USAF in the form of a Required Operational Capability (ROC) as specified by AFR 57-1 for new or improved operational capabilities. HQ USAF will validate the requirement, and if the requirement is approved, issue a Program Management Directive (PMD). The PMD establishes the basis and authority for subsequent management of the project. The directive may specifically identify any regulation to be followed or excluded in the acquisition. For airborne system software acquisitions, it will normally identify the AFR 800 series as the management policy and procedure directives to be followed.

B. ACQUISITION RESPONSIBILITIES

The acquisition of assigned defense systems, including any necessary software, is the responsibility of HQ USAF. An implementing command, usually the Systems Command, is selected and is given maximum authority and responsibility to acquire a system. A Program Manager is appointed and given authority to act on behalf of the implementing command to conduct the acquisition program within the approved performance, schedule, and funding requirements.

C. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Program Manager organizes, plans, directs, and controls the entire program. He prepares the Program Management Plan (PMP), which is a directive on all participating organizations, and establishes the scope, cost, and schedule for all program efforts. He assesses for HQ USAF all changes in the PMP, level of effort, system requirements, cost, and schedule. He coordinates the activities of participating organizations and reports to high headquarters the performance progress of the program and recommended changes. For selected programs, the Program Manager is authorized direct communication of problems and recommended solutions to the commander of the implementing command, the Chief of Staff, and the Secretary of the Air Force. An AFR 800 series managed program delegates maximum authority and responsibility to the Program Manager. Program review and approval of such items as system requirements, performance, schedule, and funding are responsibilities of higher headquarters.

D. PROGRAM MILESTONES

The principal milestones of an 800 series program are the transition points between acquisition life cycle phases. At these milestone points, specifications are baselined for configuration control and reviews are conducted. On most programs, DOD approval is required (DSARC) at the end of each of the first three phases (conceptual, validation, and full-scale engineering development) before the next phase begins. With the approval of HQ USAF, the Program Manager may identify intermediate milestones, in addition to those called out by the regulations and standards.

E. REVIEWS

System requirement reviews, system design reviews, preliminary design reviews, and critical design reviews are usually conducted in accordance with MIL-STD-1524A (USAF), "Reviews and Audits." The design reviews are not the means of providing technical direction or even of approving or disapproving the information presented. This information represents only the intended design approach of the contractor. The assessment of that information as a measure of technical progress and design acceptability can, however, be the basis for independent technical direction by the Program Manager.

F. REPORTING

A Program Manager continually assesses progress, performance, and costs and reports appropriate problems and recommended changes to a higher headquarters. In addition, he conducts periodic reviews, as directed or as planned, for AFSC, the Air Force, or the Secretary of Defense.
any Air Force organization

J. SOFTWARE STANDARDS SELECTION

K. SOFTWARE TESTING

L. INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SUPPORT

Table 3-6. Major Characteristics of AF 800 Series Documents

G. CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

A Program Manager must employ a configuration management program, based on AFR 65-3, "Configuration Management," including Appendix F, that will identify and document functional and physical characteristics of all CPCIs under development. The use of practices such as those defined in MIL-STD-483 are a means of identifying a product configuration, obtaining configuration status information, and establishing baselines from which changes can be proposed, assessed, and recorded. Although not explicitly required, the procedures used are usually those of MIL-STD-483. CPCIs specifications as outlined in MIL-STD-490 and MIL-STD-483 are the usual means of documenting software requirements and design: development specifications describe requirements and product specifications describe first the code-to design of the CPCI computer programs and then their as-coded design.

H. SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION

The AFR 800 series requires that software be identified and documented as one or more CPCIs. A Program Manager usually can use the CPCI specifications required for configuration management as the foundation of his software documentation set and add other required data items as necessary. A well-balanced CDRL (Contract Data Requirements List, Form DD1423) usually will include system, development, and product specifications to describe the software; test plans, procedures, and reports to support the software quality requirements; user manuals and perhaps maintenance manuals to describe the use and modification or correction of the software; and management and change control documents. The content of each document is specified in the CDRL by one of the Data Item Descriptions (DIDs) listed in DOD 5000.19-L, Volume II, "Acquisition Management Systems and Data Requirements Control List (AMSDL)."

I. SOFTWARE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements for the software portion of a system usually are first stated in the system specification, along with the general requirements for the hardware, personnel subsystem, and other basic elements of the system. These requirements are allocated from the system requirements specified in the same document. Subsequently the software requirements are restated and further allocated to modules of the software system in a series of CPCI (computer program configuration item) development specifications.

J. SOFTWARE STANDARDS SELECTION

AFR 800-14, Volume II, requires the use of higher order languages (HOLs) such as FORTRAN, JOVIAL, or COBOL rather than assembly language, to the maximum degree practical.

K. SOFTWARE TESTING

AFR 800 series systems that use the configuration management procedures of MIL-STD-483 include in each system, segment, and CPCI development specification a section (Section 4) on the testing of each requirement in the specification. Frequently, a task is included in the statement of work for preparation of test plans, test procedures, and test reports. Whenever a specification does not identify a particular test requirement, it is presumed that success or failure of a test of that requirement is immaterial to acceptance. The Air Force policies and requirements for test and evaluation of all systems acquired under AFR 800-2 are contained in AFR 80-14, "Test and Evaluation." This regulation emphasizes the test and evaluation of systems for suitability and effectiveness; it includes computer programs to the extent that they are part of a system, AFSC DH 4-2, "Electronic Systems Test and Evaluation," includes a Chapter 5 containing guidelines for test and evaluation of computer programs in accordance with AFR 80-14.

L. INTEGRATED LOGISTICS SUPPORT

An AFR 800 series program must provide for an Integrated Logistic Support Program supported by system engineering and life cycle costing. The AFR 800 series presumes that the Program Manager is a temporary agent of the implementing command and that when the acquisition task is completed, the system will be turned over to an operating command and to supporting commands. The Program Manager must anticipate the future needs of the operating and supporting commands and the recurring cost of system operations.
Figure 3-1. General Relationship of AF 800 Series and 300 Series Documents
Table 3-6 does not mention quality assurance because none of the AF 800 series of RSS, including AFR 800-14, specifically addresses the need or implementation of this discipline. However, several RSS outside the AF 800 series provide quality assurance guidelines compatible with the AF 800 series approach:

a. **MIL-Q-9858A, Quality Program Requirements.** Applies primarily to hardware quality assurance (QA), but mentions several important requirements not mentioned elsewhere. (See MIL-Q-9858A entry in Appendix A.)

b. **MIL-S-52779(AD), Software Quality Assurance Program Requirements.** Requires a contractor to establish and implement a software QA program that will assure that delivered software complies with contract requirements. Applies to development of software alone or to software as part of a system or subsystem. (See MIL-S-52779(AD) entry in Appendix A.)

c. **SAMSOP 74-2, Contractor Software Quality Assurance Evaluation Guide.** Provides guidelines for evaluating contractor QA programs that are subject to MIL-S-52779 (AD) requirements. (See SAMSOP 74-2 entry in Appendix A.)

Additional information on software QA will be found in the Quality Assurance Guidebook. Additional information on the topics listed in Table 3-6 will be found in the following guidebooks of this series:

a. **Mission Requirements.** In "Contracting for Software Acquisition" Guidebook.

b. **Acquisition Responsibilities.** In "Contracting for Software Acquisition" Guidebook.

c. **Program Management Responsibilities.** All guidebooks in this series contain information on this topic.

d. **Program Milestones.** In Section 2 of this guidebook. Also in "Reviews and Audits" Guidebook.

e. **Reviews.** In "Reviews and Audits" Guidebook.

3.3 DOD STANDARIZATION PROGRAM

The DOD standardization program, established by DOD Directive 4120.3, is a major national effort to uniformly document management and technical agreements and decisions applicable to more than one DOD program. Military standards, military handbooks, general military specifications, and detailed military specifications are the primary instruments for implementing this standardization program. These documents supplement the Federal standards and Federal specifications issued by the General Services Administration and the adopted industry specifications and standards issued by approved industry groups.

More than 42,000 standardization documents are currently used by the Department of Defense. Most of these documents are concerned with reprocurement of specific items of equipment, with standards for specific parts, and with items peculiar to each of the services. This large number may be reduced to possibly a hundred or so specifications and standards that commonly are referenced in ASD and SAMSO software procurement contracts.
3.4 NON-RSS PROGRAM-PECULIAR DOCUMENTS

One group of documents essential to any system acquisition has not been discussed in the preceding parts of this section. These are the program-peculiar plans, procedures, manuals, and other documents that a contractor must prepare and deliver to the procuring agency to provide needed visibility or to permit operation and maintenance of the system by other organizations. This group includes such documents as the following:

a. Computer Program Development Plan (CPDP)
b. System Engineering Management Plan (SEMP)
c. Configuration Management (CM) plans
d. Quality Assurance (QA) plans
e. Standards and conventions
f. Program schedules
g. Agenda for reviews and audits
h. Minutes of reviews and audits
i. Configuration index
j. Engineering Change Proposal (ECP)
k. Specification Change Notice (SCN)
l. Training support data
m. User manual
n. Positional handbook
o. Computer programming manual
p. Test plan, procedure, and report

These types of program-peculiar documents, while required by the RSS system and in some cases defined in detail by RSS, are not themselves considered RSS because they do not have the kind of regulating or standardizing functions in the acquisition process that RSS have.
Although similar in many ways to program-peculiar specifications such as the system specification, development specification, and product specification, these non-RSS documents normally are not used to define specific contract requirements. For example, an acceptance test plan and procedures document may be used to determine the acceptability of a product by providing the means to compare the product with the requirements of the system specification. The system specification however, not the test document, is the primary measure of contractual compliance.

Some of the other documents in this category are instructional (user manuals and positional handbooks), some are administrative (agenda, minutes, ECP's, SCN's), and some are plans for management control (CM and QA plans). These documents are similar to some of the contractor internal documents but are deliverable and the contractor internal documents normally are not.

Because this group of non-RSS program-peculiar documents must be considered to round out a complete program-peculiar documentation set, this guidebook at times considers this group and the program-peculiar specifications to be part of the same set. Section 5, for example, treats this entire set together in discussing data item requirements.
4. USING RSS AS COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS

4.1 THE REFERENCING PROCESS

Requirements to be imposed on a contractor for an ASD or SAMSO program must be specified in the statement of work (SOW), contract exhibits, program-peculiar specifications, or other program-peculiar requirement documents. To reduce the number of different practices, processes, and items involved in procurements, Armed Services Procurement Regulation (ASPR) 1-1202 requires that contractual requirements be established whenever possible by referencing existing military, Federal, and adopted industry specifications and standards. Such referencing also reduces the amount of detail present in the contract documents themselves and takes advantage of the accumulated experience behind the referenced documents.

Software users, buyers, and developers have not yet built up a library of specifications and standards to match those of the hardware industry, which has had the advantage of more than a century of standardization activity. Still, the number of specifications and standards applicable to software acquisition is sufficient to permit standardization in many areas. A relatively small but growing number of software-unique or software-included specifications and standards is available, as well as some intended originally for hardware acquisition but suitable in varying degrees for software also.

Establishing contractual requirements by referencing specifications and standards involves all of the legal obligations and perils associated with any contractual agreement. Ambiguities, omissions, and other inaccuracies are costly in terms of confusion, slipped schedules, unsatisfactory products, cost overruns, and support problems. It is important, therefore, that the referenced specifications and standards accurately define the requirements desired. This accuracy is achieved by selecting the specifications and standards that most closely state the desired requirements and then carefully tailoring the contract references to supply any clarifications needed.
To some extent, the terms "selection" and "tailoring" can be used as synonyms, meaning "to choose a set of specifications and standards that establish the requirements for a procurement." This guidebook, however, makes this distinction:

a. Selection: Choosing a set of specifications and standards that in whole or in part contain requirements that a procurement must satisfy.

b. Tailoring: Limiting or modifying the applicability of the specifications and standards selected.

4.2 PROCUREMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Some familiarity with procurement methods and contract functional details will help software acquisition engineers/managers to establish more effective requirements and avoid hazards. Important points to know include the effects of statement of work (SOW) task statements on contract specification documents and referenced compliance documents, the difference between strict compliance and substantial compliance, and the importance of re-evaluating established requirements as an acquisition proceeds.

The following few pages touch only the surface of this subject. Further information is included in the guidebooks entitled "Contracting for Software Acquisition" and "Statements of Work and Requests for Proposal."

4.2.1 Procurement Methods

The current basis of military procurement authority is Public Law 413, and Armed Services Procurement Act of 1947. This law is implemented and expanded by the Armed Services Procurement Regulations (ASPR), Air Force Regulations (AFR), Air Force System Command Regulations (AFSCR), and Aeronautical Systems Division (ASD) and SAMSO regulations. These regulations require that all purchases and contracts for supplies and services shall be made by formal advertising, unless they are within the scope of the specific exceptions that permit negotiation. These exceptions are design flexibility, tight security, speed in purchasing, specific makes or models, or intentional development of additional suppliers.
Negotiation is a more flexible and relatively informal bidding process to determine the best source available. Negotiation may be competitive or non-competitive. Because of the contracting officer's greater freedom of action under negotiation, this method is particularly attractive for complex system or equipment procurement, particularly during those phases of a program when development, detailed design, and product specifications are to be developed. ASD and SAMSO needs are such that negotiation is usually the method selected by the contracting officer.

The general procedures used in negotiation include preparation of a Request for Proposal (RFP), distribution of the RFP, receipt of proposals and quotations from sources of supply, evaluation of proposals, negotiations with suppliers, and contract award. The RFP must include the following items:

a. Statement of Work (SOW)
b. Contract Data Requirement List (CDRL) (DD Form 1423)
c. Delivery Schedule
d. List of Government furnished equipment
e. Type of contract proposed
f. All other provisions to be included in the final contract that may affect price.

The general procedures used in formal advertising, the other procurement method, include preparation of an invitation for bids, distribution of the invitation, submission of bids, opening and evaluation of bids, and awarding of a contract. The invitation for bids must include all the information needed by the prospective contractors to make a sound and reasonable bid. Complete specifications to be met, delivery schedules, bond requirements, and all other provisions to be included in the final contract must be specifically included in the invitation to bid.
4.2.2 Types of System Acquisition Contracts

Government contracts for system acquisition generally are either fixed price or cost-reimbursement types. The decision as to which contract type to use is a very important aspect of the procurement and is to a large extent based upon the degree of definition of the technical requirements. The tighter the contractor's efforts can be defined, the greater the financial control that can be placed on the contractor. For efforts that can be tightly defined, fixed price contracting can be used, with the contractor being required to deliver a supply or service within a ceiling price. If the contractor effort cannot be tightly defined, a cost-reimbursable contract should be used, with the contractor required only to exert his best effort to supply the service or item within the funding provided. Additional characteristics of these two kinds of contracts are as follows:

a. **Fixed Price Contracts.** Fixed price contracting refers to a family of pricing arrangements whose common characteristic is a ceiling beyond which the Government bears no responsibility for payment. The most common type is a firm fixed price contract in which the contractor or supplier agrees to furnish certain specified items or services to the Government for a certain price. The fixed-price-incentive-fee (FPIF) contract is a more general arrangement that includes a target price as well as a ceiling price that limits the Government's liability. The contractor or supplier is motivated to keep his costs low on a fixed price contract because the lower his costs, the higher his profit.

b. **Cost-Reimbursement Contracts.** The other basic type of system acquisition contract is the cost-reimbursement contract. This is a family of pricing arrangements that provide for payment of allowable, allocable, and reasonable costs incurred in the performance of a contract, to the extent that such costs are prescribed or permitted by the contract. Typically, the contractor is reimbursed for all costs incurred in supplying the items or in performing the services identified, plus a stipulated fee. The cost-reimbursement contract allows a fair price to be paid in those situations where exact costs cannot be determined prior to performance of the contract. The incentive for the supplier to keep the costs low in a cost-reimbursement contract is usually less than for an equivalent fixed price contract. Fee structures stipulated in Government procurements include fixed fees; incentive fees based upon contract cost, schedules, or performance; award fees; or a combination of these. Cost-reimbursement contracts are always associated with negotiation and usually with items having a performance type specification.
4.2.3 **Contract Organization**

Government contracts are organized for ease of tailoring. The typical organization of a system acquisition contract is shown in Table 4-1. The purpose of each of the four parts is as follows:

a. **Part I, General Instructions.** Part I may simply be a single page (the cover sheet) that includes a table of contents for the contract and appropriate signature blocks.

b. **Part II, The Schedule.** Part II identifies the unique agreements that form the basis of the contract.

c. **Part III, General Provisions.** Part III includes the mandatory and appropriate optional clauses identified by the ASPR and other Government regulations.

d. **Part IV, List of Documents and Attachments.** Section M, a list of the attachments, exhibits, and annexes to the contract, is followed by a copy of each of the items listed. A contract attachment is used to establish requirements in the attached document as an alternative to establishing excessive text or lists in the contract. An exhibit is used to establish deliverable requirements in the attached document as an alternative to establishing an extensive list of line or sub-line items in the schedule. (The term "exhibit" should not be used to identify any other type of contractual document.) An annex is an attachment to an attachment.

The SOW usually is prepared as Attachment 1. It is referenced in Section E, Supplies/Services. The SOW may contain both "stand alone" tasks and task statements that reference other requirement documents to set forth detailed requirements. The SOW usually identifies any Government interfaces in the management of the program and lists the contractor tasks (i.e., the management systems to be used, the studies, analyses, and tests to be performed, the software and hardware items to be produced, and any services desired).

Technical requirements, including system specifications, system segment specifications, and configuration item (CI) specifications, generally are prepared as separate requirement attachments. This
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arrangement allows tailoring of detailed requirements by the wording used in the SOW task statements. Even detailed "compliance" requirements in a referenced requirement document can be tailored or even reduced to "non-compliance" by the wording in the SOW task statement. This possibility must be recognized by those preparing and reviewing contracts, SOW's, annexes, and other referenced requirement documents. (For additional information on preparation of SOWs, see the guidebook entitled "Statements of Work and Requests for Proposal.")

4.2.4 Contract Terminology

Because the principal parties to a contract have different points of view, they may be expected to differ at times in their interpretation of contract stipulations, particularly where the language is uncertain or inconsistent. To improve the prospect of a common understanding of a contract, Program Managers should strive for the greatest possible clarity of language. The following are essential precautions:

a. Certainty of Terms. Requirements must be stated in precise, definite, and unambiguous terms.

b. Consistency of Terms. The same terms must be used to refer to things throughout the contract and requirements documents. Preparation of a good glossary of terms for the procurement is an important aid to consistency.

c. Terms Defining Sufficiency of Performance. If strict compliance to a requirement is desired, the requirement must be specific and capable of measurement to the accuracies specified. When such vague requirements as "high reliability," "best design practices," "good workmanship," or "suitable for the purpose intended" appear in a contract, it must be assumed that only substantial, or approximate, compliance by the contractor is required. Vague requirements are adequate for products whose characteristics are impossible to define exactly or to measure in a universally acceptable way, but not for products that must conform strictly to requirements expressible in precise terms. Some products may require a mixture of strict compliance for some requirements and only substantial compliance for others. Misunderstandings usually can be avoided by including in the quality assurance requirements the details of the tests and inspections that will be used to determine compliance.
4.2.5 Contract Changes

The requirements in a contract form the baseline against which all progress and subsequent contractual changes are measured. Contract changes are always processed in writing by the contracting officer, and other Government representatives must avoid any oral or written communication with a contractor that might be interpreted as redirection or modification of the contract.

The language in a contract that defines the scope or outer limits of the contractor's effort is of critical importance, because work outside the stated scope requires new negotiations on costs, price, fee, and possibly schedule. If the limits are not clearly expressed, it is difficult to determine if or where there has been an increase in scope. Because the SOW has such an important role in establishment of contract requirements, deficiencies in SOW language, approach, terminology, and content often create problems throughout the acquisition process.

Attaining the top five percent of the required performance of a system, subsystem, or other item frequently causes substantial cost increases or schedule slips. During full-scale development, it may be advantageous to reevaluate the established requirements by means of tradeoff studies to see if requirements can be reduced without degrading essential overall program goals. Care must be taken, however, to ensure that changing one system requirement does not have a much bigger effect elsewhere in the total life cycle cost. Any decisions resulting from tradeoff studies must be implemented by changing the requirements in the contract.

4.3 SELECTING RSS AS COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS

4.3.1 General Guidelines for Selecting RSS

General guidelines for selecting compliance documents to be applied to a contract are as follows:

a. Using Internal Document. Government internal documents (see Table 3-1) should never be referenced as compliance documents. Internal contractor documents should not be referenced as compliance documents in RFPs or during any contractor selection process, but
certain such documents may be appropriate to negotiate into a contract after contractor selection if they clarify the basis of contractor performance and if their use does not jeopardize potential competition that may be desired during subsequent program phases or reprocurement. Care should be exercised to avoid use of contractor prepared plans as compliance documents where the requirements can better be expressed through established specifications or standards.

b. **Using Appropriate Specifications and Standards.** The requirements of any Federal, military, or industry adopted specification or standard may be imposed on a contractor. For software procurements, the number of appropriate specifications and standards currently available is not large, perhaps somewhere between one hundred and two hundred, and many of these are only marginally appropriate.

c. **Checking RSS Adequacy.** The adequacy of a specification or standard for a particular application must not be assumed. The latest version should be examined to ensure that it addresses the current need. References within standardization documents, for example, often are illegitimate in that they do not follow the DOD general referencing principles (see rules for compliance references in Table 3-1). Types of references to be suspicious of include the following:

1. Handbooks and standards that reference anything besides other handbooks and standards. These documents generally are stand-alone documents and therefore should not reference specifications.

2. General specifications that reference detailed specifications.

3. General compliance documents (those applicable to more than one DOD program) that reference any program-peculiar specification (i.e., system specifications, system segment specifications, or CI or CPCI specifications).

4. General compliance documents (military specifications, handbooks, or standards) that reference any Government internal documents, such as regulations, manuals, and operating instructions.

Any such deficiencies in a document that is otherwise appropriate for an application can be corrected by tailoring.
d. Second-Tier Documents. Do not reference in a contract any second-tier specifications or standards that already are an integral part of a compliance document or are referenced in a contractual DID.

e. Amendments and Revisions. When listing compliance documents, include any amendments and revisions that are applicable and give their dates.

4.3.2 Misapplication of Compliance References

A major problem in applying specifications and standards to a procurement is determining the optimum level for stating requirements. Special care must be taken to prevent one or more of the following unintended results:

a. Inappropriate Application. The most appropriate RSS having specific application to the contract are not selected.

b. Overapplication. Overapplication has been blamed for increasing acquisition cost on some programs without reducing life cycle cost. Some of the many common forms of overapplication are as follows:

1. Unessential documents are referenced because inadequate time was taken to properly understand their function.

2. All provisions of the referenced documents are imposed on the contractor to ensure maximum performance, without adequate regard to cost.

3. "Potential high cost driver" specifications and standards are not identified and given proper attention. Potential high cost drivers are standardization documents that establish general requirements whose applicability changes during the program life cycle or whose different sections apply to different phases or types of programs. These documents should always be identified by the contractor and subjected to special management attention by both the contractor and the Government.

4. Requirements or tasks accomplished in an earlier phase of the program are still included in the current contract.

5. Unintended requirements are imposed on the contractor by references in lower-tier compliance documents that were not adequately examined.

6. More rigorous standards are imposed than are necessary, because of a failure to discriminate between various levels of requirements or because of a failure to appreciate the objectives of the procurement.
c. **Underapplication.** Insufficient compliance requirements are imposed on the contractor, reducing direct design or other acquisition costs but increasing operation and maintenance costs.

d. **Conflicting Application.** Conflicting requirements are imposed by different compliance documents that have the same precedence level and equal priorities.

e. **Cast in Concrete.** Compliance references are tailored once and only once, at the start of a procurement, and no refinement of these references is sought or permitted.

To help achieve the correct referencing level, the following directives have been issued:

- **ASPR 1-1201.** This ASPR requires that all references to specifications and standards be tailored so that purchase descriptions state only the actual minimum needs of the Government.

- **AFSC Regulation 800-25.** This regulation, entitled "Application of Military Specifications and Standards to DOD Procurement," requires that specifications and standards referenced in purchase documents be tailored to limit the application of requirements to those essential for, or consistent with, overall program success.

- **DOD Design-to-Cost Directives.** The design-to-cost principles that DOD has directed for most acquisition programs are designed to permit program offices and contractors to trade off all but the most basic program requirements for the purpose of achieving a better life cycle cost. These directives encourage program participants to question all system requirements that affect life cycle cost so that the best balance between acceptable performance, schedule, and life cycle cost can be achieved. One of the most effective ways to identify and limit requirements for these design-to-cost objectives is to tailor the purchase document references to specifications and standards.

4.4 TAILORING RSS

Tailoring of specifications and standards is one of the areas of inquiry of the Defense System Acquisition Review Councils (DSARCs). All program managers should be prepared to answer specific questions about this subject at DSARC reviews.
4.4.1 General Guidelines for Tailoring RSS

Tailoring is the process of limiting or modifying the applicability of specifications, standards, and other documents referenced in a SOW and in program-peculiar specifications so that the responsible contractor is required to fulfill only those portions of the referenced documents that are consistent with minimum high priority program needs. These needs typically include estimated development costs, operation costs, and maintenance costs as well as the schedule, design, and performance constraints of the program.

Recommendations on additional cost effective tailoring of compliance documents should be solicited from prospective contractors at appropriate times during the acquisition process. Care must be taken, however, to avoid releasing information about proposed procurements outside the Government prior to the official release. Only the contracting officer is authorized to discuss this kind of information or release it to potential contractors.

Methods used to tailor referenced RSS include the following:

a. Specifying Requirements. This is a list of the applicable sections or paragraphs of a referenced document. This method is used in Table 4-2 for MIL-S-83490.

b. Specifying Exceptions. This is a list of the exempted portions of a referenced document. This method is used in Table 4-2 for MIL-STD-480, 483, 490, and 1521A.

c. Self-Tailoring Detailed Requirements. General military specifications and standards typically state requirements in ways that self-tailor the requirements in a detailed CI or CPCI specification. Either the actual requirements or the data needed to estimate the actual requirements must be provided in the detailed specification. With this method the tailoring occurs without modification of the referenced documents.

d. Specifying Required Values. Performance values desired are added to the document reference.
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e. **Supplementing Requirements.** Descriptive text is added to the document reference to define more clearly the intended requirements or application.

f. **Restricting Data Items.** Because Government contracts always limit a contractor's responsibility for deliverable data to the items on the Contract Data Requirements List (DD Form 1423), the CDRL itself is a tailoring device. It automatically eliminates from the delivery requirements any additional data requirements expressed or implied in compliance documents.

g. **Extracting Requirements.** Requirements are extracted from specifications and standards instead of merely referenced. This method facilitates understanding of requirements but may increase the size of the contract unduly. It also may introduce new references or may omit essential related requirements, such as the quality assurance provisions for an extracted design requirement.

h. **Contractor Choice.** Many requirements can be stated in such a way that the contractor is given a choice. He might, for example, be permitted to choose between two or more suitable specifications or standards for a structured design notation.

i. **Prioritizing Requirements.** Referenced requirements may be tailored by establishing a scale of priorities among all the purchase documents. This important and sometimes complex method is discussed further in the next subsection.

### 4.4.2 Tailoring by Prioritizing Requirements

At the beginning of any new system program, it is not practicable to define and describe all technical requirements down to the level of detail ultimately required. The requirements therefore are defined in stages as the program evolves, based upon tradeoff studies and other developments. At each stage, a prioritizing of the defined requirements is required to establish guidelines for resolving conflicts that usually exist in requirements for any complicated system. Product accuracy, speed, and reliability usually are at odds with each other as well as with the development schedule and life cycle costs. Unless some attempt is made to formally establish priorities among the basic program requirements, informal and probably inconsistent priorities will be assigned by the various participants as they make decisions to resolve the conflicts. Establishing priorities is fundamental to conducting requirement tradeoff studies and effectively tailoring requirements.
Unfortunately no uniform way is available to establish priorities or to document them or to resolve conflicts when they occur. One overall consideration is the order of precedence of requirements. The general rule is that requirements stated in a supplied document take precedence over requirements in referenced documents. For example, contractual and SOW requirements take precedence over conflicting requirements in program-peculiar documents such as system or CPCF specifications. Program-peculiar requirement documents take precedence over the documents referenced therein, such as general military specifications and standards. This also means that program-peculiar specifications should reference only lower-level program-peculiar specifications. Otherwise, conflicts would occur where specifications at different levels would seem to have precedence over each other.

The order of precedence establishes priorities only in cases of conflict. Where there are no conflicts and no other prioritization, an applicable requirement in a subtier reference has the same weight or priority as a requirement in the primary document. There are, however, some general rules that provide additional prioritization of requirements:

a. Specific or detailed requirements always take precedence over general requirements. Detailed military specifications therefore take precedence over their corresponding general military specifications.

b. Compliance requirements take precedence over goals. It is often possible to establish a wide range of acceptable values for many of the parameters of a complex system. By indicating minimum and maximum values and stating which extreme is the desired value or goal, it is possible to conduct parametric trade studies to optimize the system. For parameters where a wide range of values is not practical, the maximum acceptable tolerances from the nominal should be stated.

Lacking other guidance, the contract fee structure, including incentive provisions, will establish top level priorities for a program as far as most participants are concerned. Although this prioritizing of requirements is very general, its importance in properly tailoring requirements should not be underestimated.
Requirement conflicts often are the result of erroneous assumptions by program personnel, such as the following:

a. Reducing a particular contract cost will automatically reduce life cycle cost.

b. All contractors and suppliers have a common understanding of the rules for prioritizing requirements and therefore will establish the same priorities.

c. Performance parameters are very important and therefore always should have the highest priority.

d. The program manager bears the total responsibility for requirement priorities and conflicts.

The program manager does bear ultimate responsibility for establishment and promulgation of guidelines for requirement priorities, but all program personnel participating in requirements definition should be on the lookout for priority conflicts and the means to prevent them.

This is a troublesome and largely uncharted area in Government procurements and deserves more attention. Until more formal guidance becomes available, each program should establish its own set of explicit guidelines for prioritizing requirements and should review and modify the guidelines as necessary whenever requirements are defined at a lower level of detail. Furthermore, the guidelines should be imposed on all program participants.
5. DEFINING PROGRAM DATA ITEMS

Because program-peculiar data items form the major channel for communication of program requirements, design, and all other primary information required in the acquisition process, the requirements of this entire class of software documentation — both specifications and non-specifications — are discussed together in this section.

5.1 DATA ACQUISITION PROCESS

5.1.1 Data Items

Data items are the various kinds of recorded information required during the acquisition process to support the management and technical objectives of a program. All of the following are data items:

a. Administration/Management Data
   - Data used to administer, manage, and enforce contractual requirements
   - Data designed to provide management visibility
   - Project management reporting
   - Milestone management technique data, such as PERT or other network information
   - Status data
   - Milestone data
   - Problem statements
   - Plans

b. Financial Data
   - Dollar expenditures
   - Forecasts
   - Status data
   - Cost data
   - Manpower data
   - Accounting data
c. **Technical Data**
   - Research and engineering data
   - Specifications
   - Standards
   - Manuals
   - Technical reports
   - Engineering drawings and associated lists
   - Process sheets
   - Catalog item identifications

   Technical data may consist of photographs and drawings as well as text and tables.

   The Armed Services Procurement Regulations (ASPR) consider computer programs, as recorded in machine-readable form on decks, tapes, or disks or in human-readable form on listings, to be data and require that software be listed on the Contract Data Requirements List (CDRL), DD Form 1423, along with other types of data items. AFSC requires that software also be listed in the contract schedule.

   Since all data items are "documented" information, the terms "data item" and "document" will be used interchangeably in this guidebook.

5.1.2 **Managing Data Acquisition**

Data items should be planned and produced by organized data management activity. Objectives of a sound data management program include:

a. Improving administration of contract data requirements.

b. Providing uniform procedures for planning and acquiring data for all program phases, areas, and disciplines.

c. Attaining positive control of data acquisition through continuous review of data requirements and elimination of non-essential, ineffective, and duplicate requests for data items.
d. Limiting acquisition of data items to those selected from DOD 5000.19-L, Volume II (AMSDL).

e. Specifying contract data requirements on a CDRL (DD Form 1423) to provide visibility and control.

f. Deferring delivery of data until it is needed.

g. Promoting effective use of data by all appropriate program areas.

h. Ensuring that data cost is justified by its intended use.

5.1.3 Data Acquisition Package

The primary elements of an RFP package related to data acquisition are the Contract Data Requirements List (CDRL, DD Form 1423), the associated set of Data Item Descriptions (DIDs), and the Statement of Work (SOW).

The CDRL identifies each data item the contractor is to deliver and specifies its desired content and format by referencing an appropriate DID. The CDRL also specifies date(s) of submission, frequency of submission, distribution addresses and number of copies, the DID identifier, the reference to the SOW task statement or to contract provisions, and the inspection and acceptance criteria. To supplement this information, backup sheets may be attached to the CDRL and referenced in the CDRL. CDRL backup sheets also may be used to tailor the data item preparation instructions of a referenced DID.

All data to be acquired must be listed in the CDRL because the contractor is not obligated to deliver any data not included there. One exception is the contractor internal data acquired through the Data Accession List (described in subsection 5.4.2).

Including a SOW reference in the CDRL ties the data item to the SOW task description where the contractor effort for preparation of the data item is identified. If a specific document, such as a user's manual, is to be verified in testing, this requirement must be addressed in the SOW task description. The SOW task description in turn should reference the related CDRL sequence item number and thus point to the correct DID.
Suitability of the content and format of each data item, as specified in its DID, should be established by review and evaluation. This suitability must take into account the needs of the task indicated by the SOW reference.

5.1.4 Data Item Descriptions (DIDs)

5.1.4.1 Standard DIDs

The content and organization of each data item to be acquired from a contractor must be defined in a DID. A typical DID is a one-page to five-page description of the content, format, preparation instructions, and use of a data item and bears a DOD control number that can be used in CDRLs to reference the DID. Some DIDs provide alternate or expanded descriptions of documents defined in Government standards such as MIL-STD-490 and MIL-STD-483. Others describe documents not defined in any formal standard.

DOD 5000.19-L, Volume II, entitled "Acquisition Management Systems and Data Requirements Control List (AMSDL)," lists about a thousand standard DOD DIDs originated by the AF and other military departments and by DOD agencies and offices. Standard DIDs are approved for general use. The DIDs related to software represent a wide spectrum of software concepts and terminologies, and no attempt to correlate related types is evident. Air Force DIDs are assigned the block of numbers from 3000 to 3999, but some AF DIDs also appear in the 6000 and 7000 series blocks. In addition to the standard DIDs, there are also unique DIDs (UDIDs), modified DIDs, and "R&D" DIDs, all of which are discussed further in subsection 5.1.4.2, "Tailoring DIDs." About a thousand UDIDs are listed in the AMSDL.

Part V of the AMSDL contains instructions for ordering copies of the AMSDL and copies of DIDs and UDIDs.
Each standard DID and unique DID carries a prefix letter that relates it to the functional category most nearly describing the use of the data. The functional categories and their corresponding letters are as follows:

- A Administrative/Management
- E Engineering and Configuration Documentation
- F Financial
- H Human Factors
- L Logistics Support
- M Technical Publications
- P Procurement/Production
- R Related Design Requirements
- S System/Subsystem Analyses
- T Test
- V Provisioning

Revisions to a DID are indicated by an alpha character suffix (e.g., DI-E-3119A).

Table 5-1 lists 64 data items applicable to software acquisition, operation, and maintenance. Some of these data items are unique to software while others provide visibility into critical areas of software development. The table specifies standard DIDs for all but five items:

a. Standard DIDs for the Computer Program Development Plan (CPDP) and Quality Assurance Plan currently are under review and have not yet been assigned DID identifiers.

b. No DIDs exist for the Computer Resources Integrated Support Plan (CRISP) and Test Evaluation Master Plan (TEMP) because these items are not intended to be prepared by contractors. (A contractor participating in the conceptual or validation phases may be assigned to prepare the CRISP, however.)
c. No suitable DID exists yet for the Interface Design Specification (IDS).

Twenty-five of the data items in Table 5-1 have been selected for an example software documentation set that is discussed in subsection 5.3.6 and is illustrated in the wall chart accompanying this guidebook.

5.1.4.2 Tailoring DIDs

It is not always possible or desirable to meet the data requirements of a specific acquisition program using only existing standard DIDs. The applicable regulations (AFR 310-1 and its supplements) recognize this and provide for modification of existing DIDs and creation of new unique DIDs. These two non-standard types of DIDs provide the means for defining documents to meet specific needs not addressed in the standard DIDs. The characteristics of these two non-standard types of DIDs are as follows:

a. Modified DIDs. A modified DID represents requirements for which a standard DID is generally acceptable, but for which there are program-specific needs (1) to clarify usage, (2) to reduce the scope by deletions from the standard DID, or (3) to adjust the content within the intent and scope of the standard DID. If such modifications involve rewriting the DID, they require approval of the AFSC Data Management Office. A revision that can be described briefly, however, or that is to be used only one time, may be specified directly on the CDRL. In any of these cases, the DID identifier is suffixed by "/M" to indicate the modification.

b. Unique DIDs. Unique DIDs (UDIDs) represent requirements considered to be unique to a command or to an acquisition program and therefore not suitable for general use. UDIDs generally are initiated to accommodate the data requirements of new or modified regulations or standards. UDIDs must be submitted to the AFSC Data Management Office for approval. UDIDs are kept on file and periodically reviewed for applicability on other programs and for possible change to the status of standard DIDs.
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*Part of example software documentation set shown in Figure 5-1 and Table 5-2.

*CRISP and TEMP are usually prepared by Government, but CRISP may be assigned to a contractor.

*No DID exists for IDS.

*AFSC DID for CPDP is under review; DID number not yet assigned.

*No DID exists for OA plan.
A third type of non-standard DID is the "R&D" DID, which reflects data item requirements related to feasibility or experimental investigations that cannot be satisfied by any standard DID. "R&D" DIDs are generated solely for the unique requirements of a particular R&D program and are denoted by prefixing their identifiers with "R&D." "R&D" DIDs also must be submitted to the AFSC Data Management Office for approval.

5.1.5 Procedure for Defining Data Items

The procedure for defining requirements for a complete set of data items for a software acquisition may be described in the following nine steps:

a. Verify prerequisites.

b. Adopt a data item charting method.

c. Establish tentative data item requirements.

d. Identify mandatory data item requirements.

e. Include requirements of the applicable RSS specified in the Program Management Plan (PMP).

f. Incorporate the program-unique data requirements required by SOW tasks.

g. Solicit user data item requirements with the Data Call procedure.

h. Consolidate the total data item package, adding any basic data item requirements not identified in the preceding steps.

i. Review the total data requirements for essentiality.

These steps are described in the following subsections (5.2 and 5.3), and some additional possible steps involving contractors are described in 5.4.
5.2 PRELIMINARY STEPS IN DEFINING DATA ITEMS

5.2.1 Prerequisites

Before requirements for the major data items in a software procurement can be accurately identified, certain other kinds of information must be available:

a. **System Application.** The intended use of the system in which the software will be used must be known. How long will it last? Who will maintain it? How often will it be updated or upgraded? These matters may greatly impact the kind and quantity of documentation needed.

b. **CPCI Selection.** The computer program configuration items (CPCIs) must have been identified and their major functional characteristics defined. This information normally is included in the System Specification or System Segment Specification. (Division of the software product into an excessive number of CPCIs or improper allocation of functions among CPCIs increases documentation problems by multiplying and complicating CPCI interfaces. Data managers who suspect such circumstances should determine if a remedy is possible before they proceed far down the data item definition path.)

c. **Acquisition Method.** The main features of the acquisition method must be known. The number and relationship of development contractors to be employed affects the number of interfaces to be defined, documented, and formally controlled. Furthermore, any hand-offs, or transfers, of responsibility between organizations creates a need for supporting documentation. Such transfers become even more complicated when separate contracts are required for different acquisition phases. Finally, the total number of parties involved in the procurement—buyers, users, and contractors—and their various responsibilities affect the program's basic information needs, as well as the need for reviews and approvals.

d. **Schedule and Budget.** The buyer's schedule constraints and budget constraints must be known. Since the schedule in the CDRL is essentially the schedule of the entire program, an impossible document delivery schedule is a threat to the entire project. Similarly, if the budget is insufficient to finance the data items considered mandatory, some budget readjustments may be necessary.
If some of these items of information are not available, the data item definition task may be performed, but the results should be carefully reviewed later, when all of these fundamental facts have been established.

5.2.2 Data Requirement Charts

An extremely helpful tool for the data item definition process is a visual display of the data items in relation to each other and to some structured aspect of the program, such as the life cycle. Figure 5-1 is an example of a program life cycle chart that includes all 25 items of a basic documentation set for software acquisition. (Table 5-2 explains how this documentation set was selected.) In addition to the kinds of information shown in Figure 5-1, known dates should be included for key events or transition points. These dates are important to know when evaluating the realism of a proposed documentation set. Multiple diagrams may be required to document parallel activities performed by different groups or to show the additional data items of a larger documentation set.

Another useful type of chart is the documentation tree, in which data items are related to the system hierarchy (e.g., system, subsystem, module, routine).

5.3 PREPARING THE CDRL

5.3.1 Tentative Data Requirements

Data requirements definition should begin with a tentative list or chart that identifies the functional areas that will have data requirements and the times in the program life cycle when these data items will be needed.

5.3.2 Mandatory Requirements

Some data items are mandated by current policies or by the specific requirements of the Program Management Directive (PMD) and the Program Management Plan (PMP). For example, a Computer Resources Integrated Support Plan (CRISP) and a Computer Program Development Plan (CPDP) are required under current USAF policies.
Figure 5-1. Example of Life Cycle Model With Basic Documentation Set for Software Acquisition (larger version of this figure in pouch inside back cover)
5.3.3 Requirements of PMP-Referenced RSS

Data requirements of the applicable regulations, specifications, and standards referenced in the Program Management Plan (PMP) must be included. For example, the applicability of MIL-STD-483 (USAF) and MIL-STD-1521A (USAF) in the PMP implies that certain program-peculiar specifications are required.

Requirements for program-peculiar software documentation reside primarily in the following RSS:

a. AFR 800-14, Volume II, "Acquisition and Support Procedures for Computer Resources in Systems." This regulation devotes a chapter (Chapter 7) to documentation requirements and acquisition. Documentation also is addressed in the context of various aspects of acquisition, including planning (sections 3-4 through 3-9), engineering management (4-5, -6, -7, -9), testing (5-5), configuration management (6-5, -6, -7, -8, -9), and contractual requirements (8-4, -5, -6).

b. MIL-STD-483 (USAF) "Configuration Management Practices for Systems, Munitions, and Computer Programs." This standard supplements MIL-STD-490 in the definition of the content and organization of system and segment specifications (Appendix III) and CPCI development and product specifications (Appendix VI). In addition, MIL-STD-483 defines the content and usage of Engineering Change Proposals (ECPs) for software (Appendix XIV) and various status accounting tools useful in change control (Appendix VIII).

c. MIL-STD-1521A (USAF) "Technical Reviews and Audits for Systems, Equipments, and Computer Programs." This standard prescribes the requirements for the conduct of technical reviews and audits in conjunction with the documents defined in MIL-STD-483 (USAF). Specific direction is provided concerning the review and audit of CPCIs and their associated documentation. Each type of review or audit is described in an appendix to the standard.

d. AFR 310-1 "Management of Contractor Data." This regulation sets forth the policies, procedures, and responsibilities governing contractor documentation (data) requirements. Of particular importance are the Data Call, preparation and review of documentation requirements, preparation of the Contractor Data Requirements List (CDRL), and data item description (DID) processing.
5.3.4 SOW Program-Unique Requirements

Additional data requirements may be derived directly from task descriptions in the SOW. All special studies, evaluations and analyses identified in the SOW should result in formal reports. Such program-unique requirements for documentation require unique, or at least tailored, data items. Each entry in the CDRL for one of these data items must reference the SOW task that requires preparation of the data item.

5.3.5 User Requirements (Data Call)

The Data Call procedure established by AFR 310-1 is used to survey the future data needs of using and supporting commands. The Data Call is a formal request from the program data manager to all organizations participating in the acquisition, asking them to identify the data they will require. Each responding activity is required to express its data requirements in terms of approved or proposed DIDs (DD Forms 1664) and to document these requirements on a CDRL form (DD Form 1423) containing delivery schedule information.

Software users should have a strong interest in defining the documentation they will be receiving with the software. Users often are satisfied to receive a good set of user manuals and product specifications. Some users, however, may want certain types of test documents, test results, and operations manuals before accepting the software. They also may think it advisable to get involved in the development process earlier by reviewing the proposed requirements and proposed design before a line of code is written. For large systems, a user organization may insist that a simulation of the proposed design be built so that the users can operate it and verify that the design will solve their problem. All such user decisions affect the data requirements.

5.3.6 Consolidation of Requirements

The program data manager reviews all CDRLs resulting from the Data Call and consolidates them into a single document set listed in a single CDRL, together with the data requirements from other sources.
(i.e., subsections 5.3.1 through 5.3.4). In the process, he eliminates any redundancies, coordinates data requirements that are similar, sees that all functional areas of the program are provided for, and ensures that the resulting CDRL is compatible with DOD 5000.19-L, Volume II (AMSDL). He should determine that all essential items in the following major data categories have been included:

a. **Contractual Baseline Documents.** Contractor documents that become part of the contract as compliance requirements. Examples: system, development, and product specifications.

b. **Verification Documents.** Documents used to determine compliance with the contract, to certify that services or deliveries are accomplished, or to confirm acceptability of products. Examples: test plans and procedures.

c. **Visibility Documents.** Documents used as a basis for management decisions and evaluation of progress. Examples: status, progress, and analysis reports.

d. **Government Involvement Documents.** Documents that define requirements for use of Government furnished property or facilities or that call for participation of Government personnel. Examples: System Allocation Document, Personnel Subsystems/Human Factors Development Program.

e. **Follow-On Documents.** Documents required beyond the development effort. Examples: operational manuals, handbooks, and descriptive material needed for maintenance or modification of the system software, including support and utility software and test tools.

Some data items fall into more than one of the above categories.

A basic set of 25 data items suitable for Air Force software procurements is shown in Table 5-2, together with the reasons for selection of these particular data items. Considerable latitude is possible in this selection process, depending on the type of procurement, the anticipated roles of contractors and Government agencies, and the nature of the software to be acquired.
After achieving a coherent, consolidated documentation set, the data manager should perform a preliminary evaluation of data item essentiality versus cost in preparation for a more formal CDRL review (described in subsection 5.3.7). The goal of this evaluation is to ensure that only those data items essential to acquisition, operation, or maintenance are included.

5.3.7 Review of Essentiality

Before the consolidated CDRL is issued as part of an RFP and again before it is incorporated into a development contract, a special Data Requirements Review Board (DRRB) should review it for the following qualities:

a. No duplication or overlap of data requirements.

b. Consistency of the document set with the procuring organization's acquisition policies and with Government procurement policies.

c. Consistency of the document set with its intended uses.

d. Essentiality of each data requirement and the set as a whole. Individual data items must be found essential to present or future management of the program, to system operation, or to software maintenance.

e. Reasonableness of delivery dates.

f. Inclusion of contractual provisions to ensure that the documents received will be fit for their intended use.

Before contract award, the DRRB should review the CDRL again to evaluate the contractor's price estimate and to ensure that data requirements have not deteriorated during negotiations.

Following a successful DRRB review, the approved CDRL should be transmitted to the procuring officer for inclusion in the appropriate procurement instrument.
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<th>CDRL Preparation Step</th>
<th>Item No.</th>
<th>DID Identifier</th>
<th>Data Item Name</th>
<th>Required per ASPR, on decks, tapes, or as on computer list</th>
<th>Required under USA Command and Control Approval System</th>
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<td>A. Mandatory Requirements</td>
<td>1.</td>
<td>E-1045</td>
<td>Computer Software/Computer Program/Computer Data Base Configuration Item(s)</td>
<td>Required per ASPR on decks, tapes, or as on computer list</td>
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<td>2.</td>
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<td>Computer Resources Integrated Support Plan (CRISP)</td>
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<td>(AFSC DID under review.)</td>
<td>Computer Program Development Plan (CPDP)</td>
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<td>B. Requirements of PMP-Referenced RSS</td>
<td>4.</td>
<td>(No DID exists.)</td>
<td>Interface Design Specification</td>
<td>Defines interfaces defined by the same organizations, or by developed by the same organization.</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>E-1101</td>
<td>System (Segment) Specification</td>
<td>Defines the system, functional requirements.</td>
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<td>C. SOW Program-Unique Requirements</td>
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<td>No SOW program-un unique requirements to be developed have analysis or development.</td>
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<td>(Data Call)</td>
<td>9.</td>
<td>M-3410</td>
<td>Users Manual</td>
<td>Provides instruction</td>
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<td>11.</td>
<td>M-3415</td>
<td>Catalog and Glossary of Computer Program and Programming Documentation</td>
<td>Describes and cross references the software documentation and glossary.</td>
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<td>E. Other Basic Requirements</td>
<td>12.</td>
<td>A-1027</td>
<td>Data Accession List/Internal Data</td>
<td>These data items are necessary for the data items for both software and system levels.</td>
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<td>• Acquisition Management</td>
<td>13.</td>
<td>A-1029</td>
<td>Agenda - Design, Reviews, Configuration Audits, and Demonstrations</td>
<td>These data items for both software and system levels.</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>E-3118</td>
<td>Minutes of Formal Reviews and Audits</td>
<td>Describes plan for complies with requirements.</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>E-3108</td>
<td>Configuration Management Plan</td>
<td>These data items for both software and system levels.</td>
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<td>Configuration Index (Computer Program)</td>
<td>These data items for both software and system levels.</td>
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<td>19.</td>
<td>E-3134</td>
<td>Specification Change Notice (Computer Program)</td>
<td>These data items for both software and system levels.</td>
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<td>• Quality Assurance</td>
<td>21.</td>
<td>(No DID exists.)</td>
<td>Quality Assurance Plan</td>
<td>These data items for both software and system levels.</td>
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<td>22.</td>
<td>T-3703</td>
<td>Category I (CPCI/Segment) Test Plan/Procedures (Computer Programs)</td>
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<td>• Test</td>
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<td>Category I (CPCI/Segment) Test Report (Computer Programs)</td>
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<td>24.</td>
<td>T-3706</td>
<td>Category II (System) Test Plan/Procedures</td>
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<td>T-3719</td>
<td>Category II (System) Test Report</td>
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<td>1.</td>
<td>E-30445 (to be published soon in AMSDL)</td>
<td>Computer Software/Computer Program/Computer Data Base Configuration Item(s)</td>
<td>Required per ASPR to acquire the software itself, recorded on decks, tapes, or other computer-readable media, as well as on computer listings.</td>
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<td>2.</td>
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<td>Computer Resources Integrated Support Plan (CRISP)</td>
<td>Required under USAF policy.</td>
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<td>Computer Program Development Plan (CPDP)</td>
<td>Required under USAF policy.</td>
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<td>4.</td>
<td>(No DID exists.)</td>
<td>Interface Design Specification</td>
<td>Defines interfaces between software items developed by different organizations, or between different types of software items developed by the same organization (MIL-STD-483, Appendix II).</td>
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<td>5.</td>
<td>E-3101</td>
<td>System (Segment) Specification</td>
<td>Defines the system (or segment) functional requirements.</td>
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<td>8.</td>
<td>M-3409</td>
<td>Positional Handbook</td>
<td>No SOW program-unique data items are required if the software to be developed has only routine functions that need no special analysis or development tasks.</td>
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<td>Catalog and Glossary of Computer Program and Programming Documentation</td>
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<td>Agenda-Design, Reviews, Configuration Audits, and Demonstrations</td>
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<td>14.</td>
<td>E-3118</td>
<td>Minutes of Formal Reviews and Audits</td>
<td>Each data item described supports configuration management of both software and software documentation items.</td>
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<td>15.</td>
<td>E-3108</td>
<td>Configuration Management Plan</td>
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<td>16.</td>
<td>E-3121</td>
<td>Version Description Document (Computer Program)</td>
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<td>18.</td>
<td>E-3123</td>
<td>Change Status Report (Computer Program)</td>
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<td>Quality Assurance Plan</td>
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<td>22.</td>
<td>T-3703</td>
<td>Category I (CPCI/Segment) Test Plan/Procedures (Computer Programs)</td>
<td>These data items support testing at CPCI, segment, and system levels.</td>
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Table 5-2. Rationale for Selection of Example Documentation Set for Software Acquisition
5.4 ACQUIRING ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR DATA

5.4.1 Precontractual Contractor Data

Certain types of contractor prepared data may be acquired precontractually for use in contractor evaluation and selection. These data items include:

a. Computer Program Development Plan (CPDP)
b. Configuration Management Plan (CMP)
c. Systems Engineering Management Plan (SEMP)
d. Quality Assurance Plan
e. Human Engineering Design Approach
f. Personnel Subsystem Test and Evaluation Plan
g. System Safety Plan

Such documents are used to evaluate contractor understanding of contractual requirements and capability to comply with such requirements.

For large software procurements, certain required manuals and handbooks may depend on the design approach and therefore are not clearly identifiable through a Data Call procedure. In such a case, contractors should be required to address specific operational and support documentation in their proposal plans for developing technical documentation.

Precontractual documents for the foregoing purposes are obtained by including the data requirements in the RFP CDRL, providing the related DIDs, and identifying the documents in the Instructions for Proposal Preparation (IFPP), also sometimes called Instructions to Offerers. If incorporated into a contract or SOW, these documents establish contractual requirements.
5.4.2 Additional Data After Contract Award

Additional data may be acquired after contract award by the three following methods:

a. Data Accession List. The acquisition of a Data Accession List/Internal Data (DID A-3027) from a contractor ensures the procuring program access to all data generated by the contractor for his own use in performing the contract. This data includes interim and supporting technical documentation and management documentation not otherwise available, such as plans, schedules, intermediate development milestones, and resource allocations. The requirement for a Data Accession List must be included on the CDRL, however, and a corresponding SOW task or contract provision is required, specifying that the contractor is to maintain a list of all data that he generates for internal use. Requested data is supplied in the contractor's own format.

b. Deferred Delivery. This method consists of timing the delivery of data, or of the software itself, to a firm operational need whose data cannot be established at the time of contract award. The deferred items still must appear on the CDRL, but with the time and/or place of delivery not specified. The contractor is expected to price the data at the time of contracting and to incur data preparation costs prior to the call for delivery. The use of deferred delivery requires an enabling clause in the contract (see ASPR 7-104.9(d)).

c. Deferred Ordering. This method applies to cases where data generated in performance of the contract is required by the Government even though not specified in the contract as deliverable data. Such data is acquired through negotiation of delivery dates and preparation costs. The cost of generating the data is not an additional cost subject to negotiation, however, since it was part of the contracted effort. There is no data entry in the CDRL for such items, but the contract must include an enabling clause (ASPR 7-104.9(m)) and the clause entitled "Rights in Technical Data and Computer Software." This is the only one of these three methods that requires negotiation of costs for the additional data requested.

5.5 ALTERNATE STANDARDS FOR SOFTWARE DOCUMENTATION

In addition to the Air Force standard data items discussed in the preceding parts of this section, other defense agencies have published various standards and specifications for entire sets of software documentation. The documents prescribed in these other standardization...
sources may be used for defining new DIDs for Air Force software procurements where appropriate, or at least may provide models for revising or expanding standard DIDs.

The two current alternate documentation standards offering the most potential to airborne system software procurements are:

a. DOD 7935.1-S, "Automated Data Systems (ADS) Documentation Standards"

b. SECNAVINST 3560.1, "Tactical Digital Systems Documentation Standards"

Another standard, WS-8506, Rev. 1, "Requirements for Digital Computer Program Documentation," 1 Nov. 1971, formerly issued by the Naval Ordnance Systems command, has been superseded by SECNAVINST 3560.1, listed above.

Before any document types included in such standards are selected or adapted to an AF 800 series procurement, careful consideration must be given to possible effects on related management practices, reviews and audits, and associated documentation. Furthermore, the two standards listed above specifically address certain types of computer applications: general purpose computers for DOD 7935.1-S and shipboard tactical systems for SECNAVINST 3560.1. At the same time, however, these standards describe a complete, integrated set of documents at a uniform level of detail, something that the Air Force standard DIDs do not do.
APPENDIX A

SUMMARIES OF KEY RSS

The RSS summarized in this appendix are listed in Table 3-3 in Section 3.
A. Purpose. This directive establishes policies and responsibilities for application to design, development, procurement, production, and support of DOD equipment and supplies.

B. Outline of Contents

Chapter 1. General Policies

Chapter 2. Policies and Procedures for Standardization of Documents

Chapter 3. Studies and Working Groups

Chapter 4. Qualified Products Lists

Chapter 5. Outline of Form and Instructions for the Preparation of Specifications and Associated Documents

Chapter 6. Military Outline of Form and Instructions for the Preparation of Standards and Handbooks

Chapter 7. Procedure for Determination and Implementation of Item Standardization Status Coding

C. Comments. A good document for becoming familiar with military standard and military handbook formatting and revision pages.
DODD 5000.1 - 18 January 1977
MAJOR SYSTEM ACQUISITIONS

A. Purpose. This DOD directive is used by DOD component heads for acquisition of major defense systems designated by the Secretary of Defense.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Purpose
2. Application
3. Policy
   a. Mode of Operation
   b. Conduct of Program
   c. Program Considerations
4. Implementation

C. Comments. The Air Force implements this directive via AFR 800-2. The 18 January 1977 version of DODD 5000.1 is a reissue that cancels the 22 December 1975 version.
DODD 5000.2 - 18 January 1977
MAJOR SYSTEM ACQUISITION PROCESS

A. Purpose. This directive defines the policies and procedures used by the DOD in the decision-making process for acquisition of major systems.

B. Outline of Contents
   I. Purpose
   II. Applicability and Scope
   III. Definitions
   IV. Policies and Procedures
   V. Effective Date and Implementation

C. Comments. This directive supplements DODD 5000.1 and establishes the Defense System Acquisition Review Council (DSARC) charter. It is a key directive for acquisition of embedded computer systems.
DODD 5000.3 - 20 May 1975
TEST AND EVALUATION

A. **Purpose.** This directive establishes policy for the test and evaluation of defense systems programs. It can be used by contracting officials to prepare or review software test plans, test procedures, and test report documents.

B. **Outline of Contents**
   
   I. Purpose
   
   II. Cancellations
   
   III. Scope and Applicability
   
   IV. Policies and Principles
      
      A. General
      
      B. Development Test and Evaluation
      
      C. Operational Test and Evaluation
      
      D. Test and Evaluation for Major Ships of a Class
      
      E. Test and Evaluation for One-of-a-Kind Systems
      
      F. Production Acceptance Test and Evaluation
      
      G. Test and Evaluation Master Plan
      
      H. Changes to Test and Evaluation Plans
      
      I. Defense Systems Acquisition Review Council (DSARC)/Decision Coordinating Paper Procedures for Major Defense Systems
      
   V. Waivers
   
   VI. Exclusions
   
   VII. Responsibilities of the Deputy Director of Defense Research and Engineering, Test and Evaluation
   
   VIII. Reporting Requirements
   
   IX. Effective Date and Implementation
C. Comments. While not solely applicable to software, several sections of this directive can be used effectively to plan and/or monitor software test and evaluation. This directive specifies that test and evaluation shall be scheduled in the acquisition, and that testing shall begin early and continue throughout the development cycle. This directive may be used as the justification for top-down testing. This directive is implemented, in part, by AFR 80-14.
POLICIES FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL OF DOD INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

A. Purpose. This directive establishes uniform policies and criteria for use in the management and control of Department of Defense (DOD) information requirements and resultant information systems that may be placed on DOD components and on contractors and other external agencies and organizations. Its objective is to assure optimum effectiveness and economy in the flow of information and prevent the generation of unauthorized or duplicative information requirements/systems by requiring that each request for information undergo an objective review and meet the criteria prescribed in the directive.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Purpose and Objectives
2. Cancellation
3. Applicability and Scope
4. Definitions
5. Policy, Principles, and Criteria for use in Generating Information Requirements
6. Responsibilities
7. Delegations
8. Effective Date and Implementation

Enclosures:

1. References
2. Definitions
3. OMB Circular A-40
4. Reviewing New/Revised Interagency Information Requirements
5. Section V - Management of Federal Reports

C. Comments. DOD 5000.19 provides the policies for management and control of DOD information requirements and resultant information systems as specified in the directive. It addresses all information systems as general items and does not single out software systems.
DOD 5000.19-L, Volume II - January 1977
ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS AND
DATA REQUIREMENTS CONTROL LIST (AMSDL)

A. Purpose. This document is used by DOD contracting officials
to select (1) Acquisition Management Systems and their source documents
and (2) Data Item Descriptions (DIDs) for application to contracts.

B. Outline of Contents

Part I. Acquisition Management Systems List/Associated DIDs
Part II. Numerical Listing of DIDs
Part III. Keyword Index of DIDs
Part IV. Cancelled/Superseded List (2 sections)
Part V. Appendix/Explanatory Information

C. Comments. The AMSDL supersedes DOD 7000.6M,
Authorized Data List (DODADL), TD-3, "Index of Data Item Descriptions,"
1 June 1976.
A. **Purpose.** This DOD Directive is used by DOD component heads for management and control of computer resources during the development, acquisition, deployment, and support of major defense systems.

B. **Outline of Contents**

I. Purpose

II. Applicability and Scope

III. Duration

IV. Definitions

V. Policy

A. General

B. Requirements Validation and Risk Analysis

C. Configuration Management of Computer Resources

D. Computer Resource Life Cycle Planning

E. Support Software Deliverables

F. Milestone Definition and Attachment Criteria

G. Software Language Standardization and Control

VI. Responsibilities

VII. Effective Date and Implementation

Enclosure 1. Definitions

Enclosure 2. Charter of DOD Management Steering Committee for Embedded Computer Resources

I. Background

II. Scope

III. Objectives

IV. Activities
DODD 5000.29 (Concluded)

V. Organization and Composition
VI. Responsibilities
VII. Technical Panels
VIII. Method of Operation
IX. Definitions
X. References

Enclosure 3. Memorandum for "Technology Coordinating Papers"

- General Requirements for TCPs
- Utilization of TCPs
- Content of TCPs
- Management of TCP Process
- Distribution of TCPs
- Reviews and Critiques of TCPs

Enclosure 4. References

C. Comments. The Air Force implements this directive via AFR 800-14, Volume II.
DODI 5000.31 - 24 November 1976
INTERIM LIST OF DOD APPROVED HIGH ORDER
PROGRAMMING LANGUAGES (HOL)

A. Purpose. This DOD instruction specifies the high order
programming languages (HOL) that are approved for development of
software in major defense systems acquisition programs.

B. Outline of Contents

I. Purpose
II. Applicability and Scope
III. HOL Definition
IV. Policy
V. Responsibilities

C. Comments. DODI 5000.31 supplements DODD 5000.29,
"Management of Computer Resources in Major Defense Systems." It is
designed to reduce the proliferation of HOLs in defense systems and to
ensure control. It assigns to different controlling agencies the responsi-
bility for maintaining stability and configuration of different HOLs. The
approved HOLs are JOVIAL-J3, JOVIAL-J73, FORTRAN, SPL-1, CMS-2,
TACPOL, and COBOL. DODI 5000.31 is implemented by AFR 300-10.
A. **Purpose.** This instruction establishes uniform policies and procedures for the management and administration of technical data contractually acquired in support of delivered equipment.

B. **Outline of Contents**

I. Purpose

II. Cancellation

III. Definitions

IV. Applicability and Scope

V. Objectives

VI. Policies and Procedures

VII. Responsibilities

VIII. Data Management Improvement Program

IX. Effective Data and Implementation

Enclosures

C. **Comments.** Mandatory reading for a basic understanding of deliverable documentation.
A. **Purpose.** This directive establishes the policies governing the configuration management of systems and equipments.

B. **Outline of Contents**

   I. Purpose
   II. Applicability
   III. Definitions
   IV. Objectives
   V. Policy
   VI. Waivers to This Directive
   VII. Implementation
   VIII. Effective Date

C. **Comments.** This directive gives a broad base understanding of the configuration management discipline. Also supplements DODI 5010-12.
A. **Purpose.** DOD Standard 7935.1-S will be used as the basis for documentation of all ADS projects, DOD-wide, that are initiated after the effective date of the standard.

B. **Comments.** This document replaces DOD 4120.17M, "Automated Data System Documentation Standards Manual," 29 December 1972. It implements DODI 7935.1, "DOD Automated Data Systems Documentation Standards," 13 September 1977. The standards in this manual may be used for defining new DIDs for AF weapon system software procurements where appropriate, or may provide models for revising or expanding standard AF DIDs.
A.1.2 AF Regulations

AFR 65-3 - 1 July 1974; Change 1 - 1 September 1974;
AFSC Supplement 1 - 25 July 1975

CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

A. Purpose. This regulation prescribes policies and guidance for
Air Force implementation of configuration management. It is part of the
Joint DOD Services/Agency Regulation on Configuration Management.

B. Outline of Contents

Chapter 1. General
Chapter 2. Configuration Identification
Chapter 3. Configuration Control
Chapter 4. Configuration Status Accounting
Chapter 5. Configuration Audits

Appendix A. Definitions
Appendix B. References
Appendix C. Department of the Army
Implementing Instructions
Appendix D. Department of the Navy
Implementing Instructions
Appendix E. Marine Corps Implementing Instructions
Appendix F. Department of the Air Force
Implementing Instructions
Appendix G. Defense Supply Agency
Implementing Instructions
Appendix H. National Security Agency
Implementing Instructions
Appendix I. Defense Communications Agency
Implementing Instructions
Appendix J. Defense Nuclear Agency
Implementing Instructions

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A. **Purpose.** This AFR sets the policy and establishes the responsibilities in carrying out the Defense Standardization Program in the standardization of engineering criteria.

B. **Outline of Contents**

1. General Information
2. Air Force Policy
3. Air Force Command Responsibilities
4. Channels of Communication
5. Reporting on Standardization
6. Delegation of Authority
7. Supply of Forms
8. Documentation Disposition

C. **Comments.** This AFR implements DOD 4120.3-M.
AFR 74-1 - 4 August 1975
QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM

A. **Purpose.** This AFR prescribes the general policy requirements and responsibilities for implementing the Air Force Quality Assurance Program as established in DODD 4155.1.

B. **Outline of Contents**

1. Objectives of Air Force Quality Assurance Program
2. Explanation of Terms
3. General Policy
4. Program Requirements
5. HQ USAF Responsibilities
6. Major Command Responsibilities
7. Major Command Supplements

C. **Comments.** Gives good overview of program quality objectives.
AFR 80-14 - 10 February 1975
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TEST AND EVALUATION

A. Purpose. This regulation outlines the policy and procedure for managing the test and evaluation activities during system development, acquisition, and deployment. It can be used by contracting officers to prepare or review software test plans, test procedures, and test results documents.

B. Outline of Contents. AFR 80-14 has the following sections:

A. Concepts and Policies
B. Test and Evaluation in Research, Exploratory Development, and Advanced Development
C. Test and Evaluation in the Acquisition Process
D. Use of Engineering Services in Test and Evaluation
E. Assignment of Responsibilities
F. Administration

C. Comments. This regulation establishes the management relationships among the implementing command, the Air Force Test and Evaluation Center, and the operating and supporting commands in successive phases of a system's life cycle, from conceptual through deployment and operation. This regulation implements DOD Directive 5000.3.
AFR 300-2 - 19 August 1977
MANAGEMENT OF THE USAF AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING PROGRAM

A. Purpose. This AF regulation is used by the implementing command program managers for the managing of automatic data processing (ADP) systems, capabilities, and services and provides guidance for ADP resource acquisition.

B. Outline of Contents

Section A. Policy
Section B. Responsibilities

Attachment 1. List of Acronyms and Terms
Attachment 2. Level of Approval Authorities
Attachment 3. Application of Policy Guidance to Management of ADP and Computer Resources

C. Comments. This 19 August 1977 version of AFR 300-2 supersedes AFR 300-1, 15 November 1974, and AFR 300-2, 14 February 1975.
ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT - PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

A. **Purpose.** This AF regulation is used by implementing command program managers for management policy of Air Force acquisition programs.

B. **Outline of Contents**

1. General Information
2. Responsibilities
3. Communication
   Attachment 1. Terms Explained
   Attachment 2. Blue Line Channel of Communications
   Attachment 3. DODD 5000.1
   Attachment 4. DODI 5000.2
   Attachment 5. DODD 5000.26

C. **Comments.** The basic AFR 800-2 (16 March 1972) included Attachments 1, 2, and 3. AFR 800-2 (CI), 30 April 1975, added Attachments 4 and 5. This regulation authorizes Air Force use of DOD policies.
AFR 800-3 - 1 June 1976
ENGINEERING FOR DEFENSE SYSTEMS

A. Purpose. This Air Force regulation is used by implementing command program managers to define the engineering effort that will be applied, phase-by-phase throughout the acquisition life cycle.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Engineering for Defense Systems
2. Technical Program Management
3. Engineering Management Tasks
4. Engineering Policy
5. Responsibilities of HQ USAF
6. Responsibilities of Implementing Command
7. Responsibilities of HQ Air Force Logistics Command
8. Responsibilities of Participating Commands

Attachment 1. Engineering Principles for Defense Systems

C. Comments. This AFR sets forth the policies, principles, concepts, and techniques for the efficient planning and control of the technical program. This document implements AFR 800-2.
TRANSFER OF PROGRAM MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITY

A. Purpose. This regulation states Air Force policy and assigns responsibility for the transfer of program management responsibility from an implementation to a supporting command.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Terms Explained
2. Policy
3. Responsibilities
4. Implementation
A. **Purpose.** This regulation outlines policy and methodology for life cycle costing in the development, acquisition, and modification of defense systems and subsystems. This regulation may be used by contracting officers during the preparation of requests for proposal and contract award decisions.

B. **Outline of Contents**

1. Explanation of Air Force Policy on LCC
2. Terms Explained
3. Use of Life Cycle Cost
4. Formal Guidance From DOD
5. Other Related Directives
6. Responsibilities Assigned to HQ USAF
7. Responsibilities Assigned to HQ USAF
8. Responsibilities Assigned to ATC
9. Responsibilities Assigned to Other Commands
10. LCC Report, RCS:SAF-ILS 7201
11. How to Prepare
12. How to Submit
13. Documentation

C. **Comments.** The objective of LCC is to consider ownership cost (operation, maintenance, support, etc.) as well as development and acquisition cost, in order to provide visibility of economic advantages of the various design/development options and acquisition decisions. The use of LCC is not intended to make minimum cost the predominant decision factor, but to ensure a proper balance between cost and system effectiveness.
A. Purpose. This AF regulation is used by AF activities responsible for planning, developing, acquiring, supporting, and using systems managed or acquired under AFR 800-2.

B. Outline of Contents

Section A. General Information
   1. Applicability of This Regulation
   2. Objective of This Regulation
   3. AF Policy on Management of Computer Resources in Systems

Section B. Assigned Responsibilities
   4. Headquarters USAF
   5. AF Systems Command (AFSC)
   6. Program Manager
   7. AF Logistics Command (AFLC)
   8. Using Activities
   9. Air Training Command (ATC)
  10. Air University

Attachment 1. Terms Explained
Attachment 2. Applicability of AFRs Pertaining to ADP and Computer Resources

C. Comments. Volume I policies are implemented via Volume II procedures. AFSC Supplement 1 to Volume I clarifies the general policy in a number of areas, including Higher Order Programming Languages, microprocessors and microcomputers, firmware, and the meaning of "verification" and "validation."
A. Purpose. This AF regulation is used by AF activities implementing technical management of computer resources (both hardware and software) for major defense systems.

B. Outline of Contents

Chapter 1. Introduction

Chapter 2. Computer Resources in System Acquisition Life Cycle

Chapter 3. Planning

Chapter 4. Engineering Management

Chapter 5. Testing of Computer Programs

Chapter 6. Configuration Management

Chapter 7. Documentation

Chapter 8. Identifying Contractual Requirements

Chapter 9. Turnover and Transfer

Chapter 10. Support

Attachment 1. Glossary

Attachment 2. Bibliography

Figure 2-1. Computer Program Life Cycle

Figure 7-1. Data Related to the Computer Program Life Cycle

Table 7-1. Standard Contract Data Items

C. Comments. Volume II of AFR 800-14 implements Volume I policies.

D. Cautions. The following parts of Volume II contain statements that are misleading or erroneous:
(1) Paragraph 2-5a (page 2-2) says:

"For computer programs, the preliminary design ... should be contained in the development specifications and become the basis for the PDR of the computer program."

Locating the preliminary design in the development specification instead of the product specification appears to be an editorial error. At least it contradicts paragraph 4-9c (page 4-4), which in discussing PDRs says:

"The design approach for computer programs is contained in portions of the product specification."

The following sentence in paragraph 4-9c lists as the contents of the initial portion of the product specification the same items that paragraph 2-5a says should be in the development specification.

(2) Similarly, paragraph 2-8a (page 2-3) says that the

"... authenticated development specification forms the baseline from which the design phase [i.e., the "detailed" design phase, which follows PDR] initiates."

This is true if the baseline referred to is the "requirements" baseline, but not if it is the "design" baseline. The preliminary "code-to" product specification, which should be the major subject of review at PDR according to paragraph 4-9c (discussed above), is not mentioned at all in paragraph 2-8a.
AFR 800-19 - 27 May 1975
SYSTEM OR EQUIPMENT TURNOVER

A. Purpose. This AFR establishes policy for the turnover to an operating command of systems or equipments developed under the program management concept.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Terms Explained
2. Air Force Policy
3. Responsibilities
4. Turnover Documentation

Attachment 1

C. Comments. This AFR addresses computer resources in Attachment 1. Supplements AFR 800-4.
A.1.3 AFSC Pamphlets

AFSCP 800-7 - (Due 1 December 1977)
CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT

A. Comments. This pamphlet supersedes AFSCM/AFLCM 375-7.
A. Purpose. This document is intended for use as a guide to Government personnel responsible for the evaluation of a contractor's software quality program when MIL-S-52779 (AD) is applied to the contract.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Scope
   1.1 Applicability
   1.2 Contractual Intent
   1.3 Relation to Other Requirements

2. Applicable Documents

3. Requirements
   3.1 Software QA Program
   3.2 Software QA Program Requirements
      3.2.1 Initial Quality Planning
      3.2.2 Configuration Management
      3.2.3 Testing
      3.2.4 Corrective Action
      3.2.5 Library Controls
      3.2.6 Computer Program Design
      3.2.7 Software Documentation
      3.2.8 Reviews and Audits
      3.2.9 Tools, Techniques, and Methodologies
   3.3 Subcontractor Control

4. Responsibilities
   4.1 Contractor
   4.2 Government Review at Contractor, Subcontractor, Vendor Facilities

5. Preparation for Delivery

6. Notes

C. Comments. This evaluation plan should apply to all aspects of a contractor's program. The pamphlet emphasizes the planning and execution of a comprehensive software quality program.
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL POLICY

A. Purpose. This SAMSO regulation establishes the responsibilities and procedures for issuance of competitive and single-source RFPs.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Policy
2. Responsibilities
3. Procedures

   Attachment 1. Executive Management Summary Letter
   Attachment 2. Proposal Preparation Instructions
   Attachment 3. Evaluation Factors for Award
   Attachment 4. Sample Request for Proposal
   Attachment 5. Sample Study Contract RFP

C. Comments. A very useful document. The amount and format of the information is such that it is easily understood for practical implementation.
A.1.5 AFSC Design Handbooks

AFSC DH 4-2 - 10 April 1971
ELECTRONIC SYSTEMS TEST AND EVALUATION

A. Purpose. This handbook documents Air Force technical knowledge in the area of electronic systems test and evaluation, and specifically discusses computer program subsystem test and evaluation in Chapter 5. This handbook can be used by contracting officers to prepare or review software test plans, test procedures, and test result documents.

E. Outline of Contents

1. General
2. Overview of Electronic Systems Testing
3. Test and Evaluation Functional Flow Diagram
4. Hardware Subsystem Test and Evaluation
5. Computer Program Subsystem Test and Evaluation
   A. Test Planning
   B. Test Tools
   C. Computer Program Test Phases
   D. Special Applications
6. Facility Subsystem Test and Evaluation
7. Personnel Subsystem Test and Evaluation
8. Critical Component Test and Evaluation
9. Intersystem/Intrasystem Integration Test and Evaluation
10. System Test and Evaluation
11. Logistics Evaluation
12. Test Hazards and Safety
13. Economics of Testing

C. Comments. This handbook contains criteria and guidance for the design of test and evaluation programs for Air Force systems and equipment. It is directed towards the testing and evaluation processes as set forth in AFR 80-14.
A.1.6 Navy Instructions

NAVMATINST 4130.2A - 49 July 1976
CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT OF COMPUTER SOFTWARE
ASSOCIATED WITH TACTICAL DIGITAL SYSTEMS AND OTHER
TECHNICAL COMPUTER SYSTEMS

A. Purpose. This instruction defines the responsibilities of
Naval Systems Commanders and Project Managers for configuration
management of computer software associated with tactical digital systems
and other technical computer systems developed and/or maintained by the
Naval Materiel Command. Tactical Digital Systems are fleet systems that
employ digital processing techniques that contribute directly to perform-
ance in the areas of command and control, navigation, communication,
weapons delivery, fire control, sensor surveillance, and electronic
warfare.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Purpose
2. Cancellation
3. Applicability
4. Definitions
5. Background
6. Policy
7. Action
8. Implementation

C. Comments. NAVMATINST 4130.2A points out the need for
configuration management during the life cycle of computer software
associated with Tactical Digital Systems and other Technical Computer
Systems and puts the responsibility of implementation on Naval Systems
Commanders and Project Managers. (NAVMATINST 4130.2A should not
be confused with NAVMATINST 4130.1A, which is the Navy portion of the
Joint DOD Services/Agency Regulation on Configuration Management.
See the summary for AFR 65-3.)
TACTICAL DIGITAL SYSTEMS DOCUMENTATION STANDARDS

A. Purpose. This Navy document is used by the procuring agency to select documentation for tactical systems software development. It identifies and describes documents that support the development and maintenance of tactical systems software.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Introduction
   1.1 Purpose
   1.2 Scope

2. Applicable Documents

3. Document Description
   Part I. Operational Requirement Document Types
   Part II. Technical Development Document Types
   Part III. Test Document Types
   Part IV. User-Narrative Document Types
   Part V. Format

C. Comments. SECNAVINST 3560.1 is a very detailed document. It provides the user with the precise format and preparation instructions necessary for specifications, plans, and procedures relative to tactical systems computer program development. It does not prescribe which documents to use, but does suggest applications. It contains formats for data base documents and interface control specifications, which are not included in MIL-STD-490 or MIL-STD-483. The standards in this manual may be used for defining new DIDs for AF weapon system software procurements where appropriate, or may provide models for revising or expanding standard AF DIDs.
A. Purpose. This regulation prescribes uniform policies and guidance for the Army for implementation of configuration management.

B. Comments. AR 70-37 is an appendix to DODD-XXXX.X, dated 1 July 1977, and constitutes the Army implementing instructions for the DOD directive. It is in draft form, but it is presumed that in its final form, it will supplement information in the DOD directive, spelling out specific responsibilities for different commands of the Army. Previous issues of the regulation described how configuration management is performed.
A. Purpose. This document explains in detail the distribution policy, numerical indexing method, technical order codes, and revisions of technical orders for all USAF commands.

B. Outline of Contents

Section 1. Introduction
Section 2. Responsibilities
Section 3. Numerical Index and Requirement Table
Section 4. Technical Order Codes, Files, and Requirements
Section 5. Initial Distribution Requirements
Section 6. Requisitioning
Section 7. Distribution
Section 8. Special Weapons Technical Orders
Section 9. Military Assistance Program
Section 10. List of Applicable Technical Order Distribution
Section 11. Special Purpose Distribution Codes
Section 12. Interservice Distribution of Technical Publications
Section 13. Special Distribution
Section 14. Distribution of Non-Nuclear Munitions Specialized Technical Orders
Section 15. Interservice Technical Information Exchange Service (ITIES)
Section 16. TO Requirements and Distribution Checklist

C. Comments. The Air Force Technical Order System is a technical service specifically designed to support trained specialists in each of the commands and in other authorized using activities.
A.2 COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS

A.2.1 Military Specifications

MIL-Q-9858A - 16 December 1963
QUALITY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. Purpose. This military specification applies to supplies and services for which the requirement of MIL-I-45208, "Inspection System Requirements," are inadequate to provide needed quality assurance. This specification requires the contractor to establish a quality program to assure compliance with contractual requirements. MIL-Q-9858A is mandatory for use by the Air Force, Army, Navy, and Defense Supply Agency.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Scope
2. Superseding, Supplementation, and Ordering
   2.1 Applicable Documents
3. Quality Program Management
4. Facilities and Standards
5. Control of Purchases
6. Manufacturing Control
7. Coordinated Government/Contractor Actions
8. Notes

C. Comments. Although MIL-Q-9858A is hardware-oriented, it contains some general quality assurance provisions that are not included in MIL-S-52779 (AD) and that can be applied to software procurements. These provisions include subsection 3.1 on quality program management organization, 3.2 on initial quality planning, 3.4 on quality program records, and 6.7 on indication of inspection status (could be applied to software library control).
MIL-S-52779 (AD) - 5 April 1974
SOFTWARE QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

A. **Purpose.** This military specification is applied by DOD contracting officials to the acquisition of computer programs and related documentation whether acquisition involves software alone or software as part of a system or subsystem.

B. **Outline of Contents**

1. **Scope**
   1.1 Applicability
   1.2 Contractual Intent
   1.3 Relation to Other Contract Requirements

2. **Applicable Documents**
   2.1 Amendments and Revisions
   2.2 Ordering Government Documents

3. **Requirements**
   3.1 Software QA Program
   3.2 Software QA Program Requirements
      3.2.1 Work Tasking and Authorization Procedures
      3.2.2 Configuration Management
      3.2.3 Testing
      3.2.4 Corrective Action
      3.2.5 Library Controls
      3.2.6 Computer Program Design
      3.2.7 Software Documentation
      3.2.8 Reviews and Audits
      3.2.9 Tools, Techniques, and Methodologies
   3.3 Subcontractor Control

4. **Responsibilities**
   4.1 Contractor
   4.2 Government Review at Contractor, Subcontractor, or Vendor Facilities
5. Preparation for Delivery (NA)

6. Notes

6.1 Intended Use

6.2 Ordering Data

6.2.1 Procurement Requirements

6.2.2 Contract Data Requirements

C. Comments. MIL-S-52779 (AD) requires the establishment and implementation of a software quality assurance program by the contractor. Section 3 defines the specific areas that the contractor's software QA program must address. It is important that Section 3 be tailored to each QA program.
SPECIFICATIONS, TYPES AND FORMS

A. Purpose. The specification prescribes general requirements for the preparation of specifications for the departments and agencies of the DOD. It applies to specifications acquired from industry by contract or order and to equivalent acquisition from government sources.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Scope
2. Applicable Documents
3. Requirements
   3.1 General
   3.2 Types of Specifications
   3.3 Forms of Specifications
   3.4 Numbering of Specifications
   3.5 Material
4. Quality Assurance Provision
5. Preparation for Delivery
6. Notes

C. Comments. MIL-S-83490 defines in detail what the different types of specifications are as well as the different forms, i.e., Form 1a, 1b, etc. MIL-STD-490 is related to this specification in that it describes the detailed format for each of the types defined in MIL-S-83490.
A.2.2 Military Standards

MIL-STD-130E - 5 August 1977

IDENTIFICATION MARKING OF U.S. MILITARY PROPERTY

A. Purpose. MIL-STD-130E establishes the marking requirements and methods for identification of items produced and procured by all the military branches.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Scope
2. Referenced Documents
3. Definitions
4. General Marking Requirements
5. Detail Requirements

C. Comments. Although this military standard does not specifically address computer programs or software media, it may be used as a guide for marking and identifying deliverable software media.
A. Purpose. This DOD standard establishes the criteria and uniform practices for proposing, justifying, generating, and approving engineering changes, waivers, and deviations. It also provides requirements for configuration control with uniform terminology and definitions.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Scope
2. Referenced Documents
3. Definitions (Appendix E)
4. Requirements for Engineering Changes
   4.1 General
   4.2 Classification
   4.3 Engineering Change Justification
   4.4 Class I ECP Types
   4.5 Class I Engineering Change Priorities
   4.6 Format
   4.7 Preparation
   4.8 Submittal
   4.9 Approval and Review
   4.10 Revision of ECPs
   4.11 Correction of ECPs
5. Requirements for Notices of Revision
6. Additional Requirements for Facility Construction Contracts
7. Requirements for Deviations
8. Requirements for Waivers
   10 Appendix A. Instructions for Preparation of ECP
   80 Appendix B. Instructions for the Preparation of Request for Deviation
   90 Appendix C. Instructions for the Preparation of Request for Waiver
   110 Appendix E. Definitions
C. Comments. MIL-STD-480 applies requirements for technical, fiscal, and logistic information relative to proposed changes during engineering/operational systems development, production and the operational CI/CPCI life cycle. It may also be used for advanced development programs to control contractually imposed functional characteristics and design constraints. Additional latitude is provided by MIL-STD-480 in that it may also be applied to facility construction contract drawings and specifications during construction and operation period on an as-required basis due to operational weapons, systems, and equipment changes. MIL-STD-480 does not specifically address itself to software, but its techniques are required by the military standards used to control and identify software (e.g., MIL-STD-483, 490, and 1521A).
MIL-STD-481A - 18 October 1972
CONFIGURATION CONTROL – ENGINEERING CHANGES, DEVIATIONS, AND WAIVERS (SHORT FORM)

A. **Purpose.** This standard prescribes requirements for the preparation and submittal of an abbreviated engineering change proposal as well as deviations and waivers. This standard is intended for use in contracts involving procurement of multi-application items or items for which the prescribed detail design was not developed by the contractor.

B. **Outline of Contents**

1. Scope
2. Referenced Documents
3. Definitions
4. Requirements for Engineering Changes
5. Requirements for Deviations
6. Requirements for Waivers
10. Appendix A. Instructions for the Preparation of ECP
20. Appendix B. Instructions for the Preparation of Request for Deviation
30. Appendix C. Instructions for the Preparation of Request for Waiver

C. **Comments.** MIL-STD-481A supplements MIL-STD-480. It provides a simplified method of configuration control, but has a very limited description of the effect on interfaces and logistic support. Where a detailed analysis and description of an engineering change is desired, MIL-STD-480 should be used. MIL-STD-481A does not specifically address itself to software, but its techniques may be applied to change management of software.
A. **Purpose.** This standard provides a comprehensive listing of standard data elements for tailoring the selection of information to be recorded and reported to identify CIs and CPCIs and determine the status of change proposal and change implementation status of those CIs and CPCIs.

B. **Outline of Contents**

1. Scope
2. Referenced Documents
3. Definitions
4. General Requirements
5. Detailed Requirements
6. Notes
   
   **Appendix I.** Index of Configuration Status Accounting Data Elements and Data Use Identifiers

   **Appendix II.** Standard Data Elements and Related Features

   **Appendix III.** Status Accounting Samples

C. **Comments.** MIL-STD-482A supplements the status accounting requirements of MIL-STD-480, 481A, 483, 490, and 1521A. It establishes data elements to be used as the content of configuration status accounting reports. It does not prescribe which data elements to use nor does it specify the report format or frequency. Such requirements are specified on a case-by-case basis by the managing organization.
A. **Purpose.** This Air Force standard is used by procurement officials and their staffs to apply configuration management requirements (including major baseline specifications) to contracts. As the title indicates, this standard can be applied to many other items besides computer programs.

B. **Outline of Contents**

1. Scope
2. Referenced Documents
3. Requirements
   3.1 Introduction
   3.2 Baseline Management
   3.3 System Engineering and Interface Control
   3.4 Configuration Identification
   3.5 Specification Maintenance
   3.6 Configuration Item Identification
   3.7 Engineering Release Requirements and Correlation of Manufactured Products
   3.8 System Allocation Document
   3.9 Configuration Audits
   3.10 Engineering Changes (Equipment/Munitions)
      3.10.1 Engineering Changes (Computer Programs)
   3.11 Reporting the Accomplishment of Updating/Retrofit Changes
   3.12 Configuration Management Records/Reports
4. Data
5. Definitions
   10. Appendix I. Configuration Management Plan
   20. Appendix II. Interface Control
   40. Appendix IV. Addendum to Configuration Item Specification

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50. Appendix V. Inventory Item Specification (Not applicable to computer programs, per AFSCM/AFLCM 375-7)


70. Appendix VII. Specification Maintenance, Equipment/Munitions

80. Appendix VIII. Specification and Support Documentation Maintenance. Computer Program (Includes preparation of specification change notices (SCNs), computer configuration indexes, configuration item development records, computer program change status listings, and version description documents (VDDs)).

90. Appendix IX. Document and Item Identification Numbering and Marking

100. Appendix X. Engineering Release Records and Correlation of Manufactured Products

110. Appendix XI. System Allocation Document

120. Appendix XII. Configuration Audits (FCA, PCA, FQR)

130. Appendix XIII. Engineering Changes (equipment/munitions)

140. Appendix XIV. Engineering Changes (computer programs) (Supplements MIL-STD-480)

150. Appendix XV. Reporting the Accomplishment of Updating/Retrofit Changes

C. Comments. MIL-STD-483 supplements MIL-STD-480, 481, 482, and 490 in that portions of MIL-STD-483 specifically address requirements of software not found in MIL-STD-480, 481, and 490. These include:

1. Computer program specification preparation instructions

2. Specification and support documentation maintenance for computer programs

3. Formatting and processing of changes to computer programs

4. Configuration audit objectives for computer programs.

MIL-STD-483 also includes all the requirements necessary for total configuration control and baseline management on a large USAF software contract.
A. Purpose. MIL-STD-490 establishes the format and contents of specifications for project-peculiar items, processes, and materials. It establishes uniform practices for specification preparation, ensures the inclusion of essential requirements, and aids in the use and analysis of specification content.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Scope

2. Referenced Documents

3. Requirements
   3.1 Introduction
   3.2 Style, Format, and Identification of Specifications
   3.3 Changes and Revisions

4. General Requirements for Sections of Specifications
   4.1 Section 1. Scope
   4.2 Section 2. Applicable Documents
   4.3 Section 3. Requirements
   4.5 Section 5. Preparation for Delivery
   4.6 Section 6. Notes
   4.7 Appendix and Index

5. Detail Requirements
   10. Appendix I. Type A, System Specification
   20. Appendix II. Type B1, Prime Item Development Specification
   30. Appendix III. Type B2, Critical Item Development Specification
   40. Appendix IV. Type B3, Non-Complex Item Development Specification
   50. Appendix V. Type B4, Facility or Strip Development Specification
   60. Appendix VI. Type B5, Computer Program Development Specification
MIL-STD-490 (Concluded):  

70. Appendix VII. Type C1a, Prime Item Product Function Specification  
80. Appendix VIII. Type C1b, Prime Item Product Fabrication Specification  
90. Appendix IX. Type C2a, Critical Item Product Function Specification  
100. Appendix X. Type C2b, Critical Item Product Fabrication Specification  
110. Appendix XI. Type C3, Non-Complex Item Product Fabrication Specification  
120. Appendix XII. Type C4, Inventory Item Specification  
130. Appendix XIII. Type C5, Computer Program Product Specification  
140. Appendix XIV. Type D, Process Specification  
150. Appendix XV. Type E, Material Specification  

C. Comments. The Type B5 and Type C5 specifications apply directly to software. MIL-STD-490 is a standard that applies to all services. Revision A to this document is in preparation. It is intended to have the A revision resolve the discrepancies that exist now between MIL-STD-490 and MIL-STD-483.
ENGINEERING MANAGEMENT

A. **Purpose.** This standard is used as a guide by military agencies and contractors to plan, conduct, and manage system engineering activities.

B. **Outline of Contents**

1. **Scope**
2. **Referenced Documents**
3. **Definitions**
   3.1 Engineering Management
   3.2 Technical Program Planning and Control
   3.3 System Engineering Process
   3.4 Engineering Specialty Integration
   3.5 Technical Performance Measurement
4. **General Criteria**
5. **Detailed Requirements**
   5.1 System Engineering Management Plan (SEMP)
      5.1.1 Contractual Provisions
      5.1.2 Non-Contractual Provisions
   5.2 Review of Contractor's Engineering Management
6. **Notes**
   6.1 Relationship of Technical Program Planning to Cost and Schedule Planning
   6.2 Relationship of Technical Performance Measurement (TPM) to Cost and Schedule Performance Measurement
   6.3 Relationship of Integrated Logistics Support (ILS) to System Engineering
   6.4 Minimum Documentation
   6.5 Data
MIL-STD-499A (USAF) (Concluded)

10. Appendix A, Task Statements

10.1 Technical Program Planning and Control

10.1.1 Development of Contract Work Breakdown Structure (CWBS) and Specification Tree

10.1.2 Program Risk Analysis

10.1.3 System Test Planning

10.1.4 Decision and Control Process

10.1.5 Technical Performance Measurement (TPM)

10.1.6 Technical Reviews

10.1.7 Subcontractor/Vendor Reviews

10.1.8 Work Authorization

10.1.9 Documentation Control

10.2 System Engineering Process

10.2.1 Mission Requirements Analysis

10.2.2 Functional Analysis

10.2.3 Allocation

10.2.4 Synthesis

10.2.5 Logistic Engineering

10.2.6 Life Cycle Cost Analysis

10.2.7 Optimization

10.2.8 Production Engineering Analysis

10.2.9 Generation of Specifications

C. Comments. This standard emphasizes the tailoring of engineering tasks to each particular program, and calls for all engineering tasks to be performed as a single total integrated engineering effort. It contains the requirements for preparation of a System Engineering Management Plan (SEMP) and provides criteria for the Program Manager to evaluate individual program engineering planning and output. The appendix includes task statements that can be tailored to particular programs as specific contractual requirements. The system qualities that this specification seeks to enhance, such as reliability, maintainability, and reduced life cycle cost, are not as readily achievable for software procurements as for hardware. The actual methodologies for this purpose are not well defined and the guidance documentation is meager.
BREAKDOWN STRUCTURES FOR DEFENSE MATERIAL ITEMS

A. Purpose. This standard defines all the requirements necessary for preparation and utilization of work breakdown structures (WBSs).

B. Outline of Contents

1. Scope
   1.1 Purpose
   1.2 Application

2. Referenced Documents

3. Definitions
   3.4 Work Breakdown Structure
   3.5 Summary Work Breakdown Structure
   3.6 Project Summary Work Breakdown Structure
   3.7 Contract Work Breakdown Structure
   3.8 Project Work Breakdown Structure
   3.9 Work Breakdown Structure

4. General Requirements

5. Detailed Requirements
   5.1.2 Electronics Systems
   5.2 Project Summary Work Breakdown Structure
   5.3 Contract Work Breakdown Structure
   5.4 Preparation of Project Work Breakdown Structure

C. Comments. Avionics-oriented WBS elements are identified through Level 3 (aircraft system), Appendix C (missile system), and Appendix F (space system). Each of these appendices is currently deficient with respect to identifying on-board data processing and software as a Level 3 WBS element, although data processing appears at Level 3 within the ground support subsystem. Work is currently underway to revise MIL-STD-881A to accommodate embedded computer systems, but in the meantime Air Force Program Offices must add on-board data processing and software as a specific Level 3 WBS element to assure visibility into avionics software management.
A. **Purpose.** This standard gives the requirements for the conduct of the following seven milestone events: system requirements review (SRR), system design review (SDR), preliminary design review (PDR), critical design review (CDR), functional configuration audit (FCA), physical configuration audit (PCA), and formal qualification review (FQR). This standard is used by contracting offices throughout the acquisition life cycle for the purpose of monitoring program activities to ensure contractual compliance.

B. **Outline of Contents**

1. **Scope**
   1.1 Purpose
   1.2 Classification
   1.3 Application

2. **Referenced Documents**

3. **Definitions**
   3.1 System Requirements Review (SRR)
   3.2 System Design Review (SDR)
   3.3 Preliminary Design Review (PDR)
   3.4 Critical Design Review (CDR)
   3.5 Functional Configuration Audit (FCA)
   3.6 Physical Configuration Audit (PCA)
   3.7 Formal Qualification Review (FQR)

4. **General Requirements**
   4.1 Contractor Participation and Responsibilities
      4.1.1 Subcontractors and Suppliers
      4.1.2 Location
      4.1.3 Contractor Requirements
   4.2 Procuring Activity Participation
   4.3 Sample Forms
MIL-STD-1521A (USAF) (Concluded)

5. Detailed Requirements

5.1 (Reference the appendices for the detailed requirements)

6. Notes

10. Appendix A. System Requirements Review (SRR)
20. Appendix B. System Design Review (SDR)
30. Appendix C. Preliminary Design Review (PDR)
40. Appendix D. Critical Design Review (CDR)
50. Appendix E. Functional Configuration Audit (FCA)
60. Appendix F. Physical Configuration Audit (PCA)
70. Appendix G. Formal Qualification Review (FQR)

C. Comments. This standard identifies contractor and Government responsibilities in the conduct of a review or audit, and outlines the minimum content of information to be presented. The reviews and actions connected with the reviews are defined. A flowchart of program activities showing when the reviews occur in relation to other program activities is given. (The Reviews and Audits Guidebook contains guidelines for interpretation and use of MIL-STD-1521A.)

D. Caution. Figure 1, the flowchart of program activity, shows the draft product specification as being an input to the CDR but not to the PDR.
A. **Purpose.** MIL-STD-1588 (USAF) establishes the standard specifications for the development of compilers for the JOVIAL (J3) programming language.

B. **Outline of Contents**

- Chapter 1. Introduction
- Chapter 2. Elements
- Chapter 3. Statements
- Chapter 4. Declarations
- Chapter 5. Processing: Declarations
- Chapter 6. Programs

- Attachment 1. Compiler Specifications
- Attachment 2. Standard Air Force Glossary
- Attachment 3. Index

C. **Comments.** This standard describes in detail the procedure for developing and writing a compiler program in JOVIAL language. The JOVIAL language is a machine-independent, procedure-oriented, general purpose programming language.
MIL-STD-1589 (USAF) - 28 February 1977
JOVIAL (J73/1)

A. Purpose. MIL-STD-1589 (USAF) describes in detail the Level I subset of the J73 JOVIAL language. This standard is intended for use by programmers in coding J73 JOVIAL programs. It is an implementation of AFR 300-10.

B. Outline of Contents.

Section 1. Global Concepts
Section 2. Declaration of Names
Section 3. Statements
Section 4. Formulas
Section 5. Basic Elements
Section 6. Directives

Appendix Cross-Reference Index
A. Purpose. This standard is used by government agencies for guidance in the design and development of tactical software.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Scope
2. Reference Documents
3. Definitions
4. General Requirements
5. Detailed Requirements
6. Miscellaneous

C. Comments. A standard especially addressing tactical software is necessary because of factors concerning this software which are not common to general software, or which carry a significantly different degree of emphasis.
A.2.3 SAMSO Standards

SAMSO EXHIBIT 73-3 - 6 October 1973
STANDARD ENGINEERING PRACTICES FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE
DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

A. Purpose. This standard presents software engineering practices
for use in Requests for Proposal (RFPs) and software specifications. It
references MIL-STD-482, 483, and 490, and DOD Manual 4120.17-M.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Scope
   1.1 Purpose
   1.2 Use
   1.3 Application

2. Referenced Documents

3. Definitions
   3.1 Accountability (Software)
   3.2 Computer Software
   3.3 Hardware/Software
   3.4 Standardized Terms

4. General Requirements

5. Detailed Requirements
   5.1 Software Management Procedures Manual
   5.2 Programming Practices, Standards, and
      Conventions Manual
   5.3 Software Accountability System

Figure 1. The Three Permitted Standard Logic Structures

C. Comments. Most of SAMSO Exhibit 73-3 concerns computer
programming practices, standards, and conventions. It specifies
characteristics for hierarchical program design, execution order,
standardized logic, and programming standards manual requirements.
SAMSO considers Exhibit 73-3 to be a standard.
A. Purpose. This SAMSO standard is approved for use by all SAMSO agencies and is intended as an aid in interpreting the requirements of MIL-Q-9858A. The quality assurance requirements of this standard supplement those of MIL-Q-9858A.

B. Outline of Contents

1. Scope

2. Superseding, Supplementation and Ordering
   2.1 Applicable Documents

3. Quality Program Management
   3.1 Organization
      3.1.1 Responsibility
      3.1.1.1 Quality Assurance at Field Locations
      3.1.2 Quality Program Documentation
      3.1.3 Matrix of Quality Program Documentation
      3.1.4 Availability of Documentation
      3.1.5 Management Review
      3.1.5.1 Charting of Quality Trends
      3.1.5.2 Quality Audit
   3.2 Initial Quality Planning
      3.2.1 Skill Requirements
   3.3 Work Instructions
   3.4 Records
   3.5 Corrective Action
   3.6 Costs related to Quality

4. Facilities and Standards
   4.1 Drawings, Documentation and Changes
SAMSO-STD 73-5B (Continued)

4.1.1 Design Review
4.1.2 Control of Deliverable Technical and Engineering Data
4.1.3 Computer Program Quality Assurance
  4.1.3.1 Design Controls
  4.1.3.2 Drawings, Documentation and Changes
  4.1.3.3 Testing
  4.1.3.4 Corrective Action
4.2 Measuring and Testing Equipment
4.3 Production Tooling Used as a Media of Inspection
4.4 Use of Contractor's Inspection Equipment
4.5 Advanced Metrology Requirements

5. Control of Purchases
  5.1 Responsibility
  5.2 Purchasing Data

6. Manufacturing and Control
  6.1 Materials and Materials Control
  6.2 Production Processing and Fabrications
  6.3 Completed Item Inspection and Test
  6.4 Handling, Storage and Delivery
  6.5 Nonconforming Material
  6.6 Statistical Quality Control and Analysis
  6.7 Indication of Inspection Status

7. Coordinated Government Contractor Actions
  7.1 Government Inspection at Subcontractor or Vendor Facilities
  7.2 Government Property

8. Notes
C. Comments. SAMSO STD 73-5B supersedes SAMSO EXHIBIT 73-5A of 15 April 1974 and is intended to satisfy special quality program requirements of specific programs by supplementing the requirements of MIL-Q-9858A. The most applicable sections of this standard with respect to software quality assurance is paragraph 4.1.3, "Computer Program Quality Assurance," and its associated paragraphs. Parallel use of SAMSO STD 73-5B and MIL-S-52779(AD) will result in duplication of some quality assurance requirements unless duplicative paragraphs are eliminated through tailoring.
APPENDIX B

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a. DODD/DODI/DODR/DODM
b. JCSP
c. AFR/AFM/AFP
d. AFSCR/AFSCM/AFSCP/AFSC DH
e. SAMSOR/SAMSOP
f. NAVMATINST/SECNAVINST
g. AR
h. LCC
i. T.O.
j. MIL-Q/MIL-S/MIL-M/MIL-T
k. MIL-HDBK
l. MIL-STD
m. SAMSO-STD
n. FIPS-PUB
o. ANSI

The key documents summarized in Appendix A are marked with an asterisk in this appendix.
B. 1. GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO SOFTWARE ACQUISITION ENGINEERING/MANAGEMENT TASKS

B. 1.1 ACQUISITION POLICIES

DODD 4105.55 Selection and Acquisition of Automatic Data Processing Resources
DODI 4105.65 Acquisition of Automatic Data Processing Computer Program and Related Services
* DODD 5000.1 Major System Acquisition
* DODD 5000.2 Major System Acquisition Process
DODI 5030.40 Government-Wide ADP Sharing Program
DODD 5100.30 World-Wide Military Command and Control System
DODD 5105.19 Defense Communications Agency
DODD 5118.3 Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)
DODD 5160.32 Development of Space Systems
AFR 23-8 Air Force Systems Command
AFR 23-36 Air Force Test and Evaluation Center
AFR 23-43 Federal Computer Performance Evaluation and Simulation Center
AFR 70-1 Procurement of AF Assigned Items Under the DoD Coordinated Program
AFR 70-10 Procurement of Electronic Equipment for Tri-Service Use Under the DoD Coordinated Procurement Program
AFR 70-18 Local Purchase Program
AFSC Supplement
AFR 80-1 Air Force Research and Development
AFR 80-53 Technical Evaluation of Independent Research and Development
SAMSO Supplement 1

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B.1.1 ACQUISITION POLICIES (Concluded)

AFR 124-8 Violations of Public Trust in Contract, Procurement, and Other Matters

AFR 400-27 Basic Policies and Principles for Interservice, Interdepartmental and Interagency Support

*AFR 800-2 (CI) Acquisition Management - Program Management
AFSC Supplement 1
Attachments 4, 5
SAMSO Supplement 1

*AFR 800-4 Transfer of Program Management Responsibility
AFSC/AFLC Supp. 1
SAMSO Supplement 1

*AFR 800-19 System or Equipment Turnover
AFLCM 70-6 Coordinated Procurement
AFSCR 300-1 Automatic Data Processing Program Management

MIL-STD-1679(Navy) Draft Tactical Software Development
B. 1.2 ACQUISITION MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

DODI 4100.31 Reports on Single Manager Operations
DODI 4140.38 ADP Management Information System
*DODD 5000.29 Management of Computer Resources in Major Defense Systems
DODI 5010.27 Management of Automated Data System Development
DODD 5100.40 Responsibilities for the Administration of the Automatic Data Processing Program
DODD 5126.34 Defense Procurement Management Review Program
DODD 7000.1 Resource Management Systems of the DoD
DODI 7000.2 Performance Measurement for Selected Acquisitions
DODI 7000.3 Acquisition Management Systems Control
DODM 7000.6 Acquisition Management Systems List
JCSP 12 (Volume I) Information Exchange Planning Guidance
JCSP 14 Computer System and Program Catalog for Worldwide Command and Control System
AFR 26-10 Manpower Utilization
AFR 27-9 Control and Documentation of Air Force Programs
AFR 57-1 Required Operational Capabilities (ROCS)
IMC 76-1 & 2
SAMSO Supplement 1
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B. 1.4.1 Visibility

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*DODD 5000.19 Policies for the Management and Control of DoD Information Requirements

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B. 1.4.2 Cost and Schedule Control

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B. 1.4.5 Integrated Logistics Support

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AFR 100-41 Handling of Message Traffic for Other Government Agencies

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B. 1.4.8 Standardization

DODD 4120.3 Defense Standardization Program
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*AFR 73-1
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Contractor Standardization Plans and Management

B. 1.4.9 Configuration Control

*DODD 5010.19

Configuration Management

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Configuration Management

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B. 1.4.10.1 **Quality Assurance**

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*SAMSO-STD 73-5B*  
Quality Assurance Requirements for Space and Missile Systems
B. 1.4.10.2 **Reliability and Maintainability**

**AFR 80-5**  
AFSC Supplement  
**MIL-HDBK-472**  
**MIL-STD-470**  
**MIL-STD-471A**  
**MIL-STD-690B**  
**MIL-STD-721B**  
**MIL-STD-756A**  
**MIL-STD-757**  
**MIL-STD-781B**  
**MIL-STD-785A**  
**MIL-STD-1304A**

**AFR 80-7**  
AFSC Supplement  
**B. 1.4.10.3 Security**

**DODD 5200.5**  
**DODD 5200.28**  
**DODM 5200.28-M**  
**AFR 8-9**  
**AFR 66-30**  
**AFR 80-7**

Reliability and Maintainability Programs for Systems, Subsystems, Equipment and Munitions
Maintainability Prediction
Maintainability Program Requirements (for Systems and Equipment)
Maintainability Demonstration
Failure Rate Sampling Plans and Procedures
Definition of Effectiveness Terms for Reliability, Maintainability, Human Factors and Safety
Reliability Prediction
Reliability Evaluation and Demonstration Data
Reliability Test Exponential Distribution
Reliability Program for Systems and Equipment Development and Production
Reliability Report
Communications Security
Security Requirements for Automatic Data Processing (ADP Systems)
ADP Security Manual
USAF Communications Security and Emanations Security Publications
Product Improvement Programs for Operational Equipment
Communications Security Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (COMSEC RDT&E) Procedures
B. 1.4.10.3 Security (Concluded)

AFR 100-27 Release or Disclosure of Unclassified Messages

AFR 100-45 Communications Security Policies, Procedures, and Instructions
Vol. I (Unclassified)
Vol. II (Secret COMSEC)

AFR 205-1 Information Security Program
AFSC Supplement
SAMSO Supplement

AFP 205-2 Communications Security and Transmission Security

AFR 205-25 Safeguarding the Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP)

AFR 205-28 Communications Security for Nuclear Command and Control Communications
AFSC Supplement

AFR 207-1 The Air Force Physical Security Program
AFSC Supplement
IMC 77-1, 77-2, 77-3 to the Supplement

AFM 207-3 Aircraft Systems Security Standards

AFM 207-21 System Security Standard-Command and Control and Communication System

AFR 300-8 Security Requirements for Automatic Data Processing Systems (APDS)
AFSC Supplement

AFSCP 207-1 System Security Engineering

B. 1.4.11 Production Planning

AFR 800-9 Production Management in the Acquisition Life Cycle

AFSCM 84-3 Production Management

MIL-STD-1528 Production Management
B. 2 GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO SOFTWARE ENGINEERING/DEVELOPMENT TASKS

B. 2.1 SYSTEM ENGINEERING

DODI 5010. 8
DoD Value Engineering

DODD 5010. 15
Defense Integrated Management Engineering System

DODI 7110. 2
Budget Guidance for Value Engineering

AFR 122-1
AFSC Supplement
SAMSO Supplement I
The Air Force Nuclear Safety Program

AFR 122-9
The Nuclear Safety Crosscheck Analysis and Certification Program for Weapon Systems Software

AFR 122-10
Nuclear Weapon Systems Safety Design and Evaluation Criteria

AFR 127-8
AFSC Supplement
Responsibilities for USAF System Safety Engineering Programs

AFR 127-13
AFSC Supplement
Responsibilities for the USAF Aerospace Safety Program

AFR 320-1
AFSC Supplement
SAMSO Supplement I
Air Force Value Engineering Program

*AFR 800-3
Engineering for Defense Systems

AFR 800-15
AFSC Supplement 1
Human Factors Engineering and Management

AFSCR 8-4
SAMSO Supplement 1
AFSC Design Handbooks

AFSCR 80-17
(AFLCR 80-17)
SAMSO Supplement 1
Air Force Engineering Responsibility for Systems and Equipment

MIL-H-46855A
Human Engineering Requirements for Military Systems, Equipment and Facilities
B. 2.1 SYSTEM ENGINEERING (Concluded)


*MIL-STD-499A Engineering Management

MIL-STD-876A Digital Computation Systems for Real Time Training Simulators


MIL-STD-1379A Training Operations and Training Data


MIL-STD-1631A Procedure for Selection of Electronics and Electrical Parts During Equipment Design

B. 2.2 PROGRAMMING STANDARDS

*DODD 5000.31 Interim List of DoD Approved High Order Programming Languages (HOL)

AFR 300-10 Computer Programming Languages

AFR 800-12 Acquisition of Support Equipment

AFSCR 65-8 Utilization of Assets as Government Furnished Material

*MIL-STD-1588 (USAF) JOVIAL (J3)

*MIL-STD-1589 (USAF) JOVIAL (J73/1)

FIPS PUB 1 Code for Information Interchange (also ANSI X3. 4-1968)

FIPS PUB 15 Subsets of the Standard Code for Information Interchange

FIPS PUB 20 Guidelines for Describing Information Interchange Formats
B. 2.2 PROGRAMMING STANDARDS (Concluded)

FIPS PUB 24  Flowchart Symbols and Their Usage in Information Processing (also ANSI X3.5-1970)

FIPS PUB 29  Interpretation Procedures for Federal Standard COBOL

ANSI X3. 9-1966  FORTRAN

ANSI X3. 10-1966  Basic FORTRAN

ANSI X3. 23-1974  COBOL

B. 2.3 SOFTWARE DESIGN STANDARDS

*SAMSO Exhibit 73-3  Standard Engineering Practices for Computer Software Design and Development

SAMSO-STD 77-9  Software Design Standards for the MX Weapon System

B. 2.4 COMPUTER PROGRAM TESTING

*AFSC DH 4-2  Electronic Systems Test and Evaluation

B. 2.5 OPERATIONAL TESTING

*DODD 5000.3  Test and Evaluation

*AFR 80-14  Test and Evaluation
AFSC Supplement
SAMSO Supplement 1

MIL-STD-883  Test Methods and Procedures for Micro Electronics

MIL-STD-1309A  Definition of Terms for Automatic Electronic Test and Checkout

MIL-STD-1519  Preparation of Test Requirement Documents
**B. 2.6 TRANSFER AND TURNOVER**

AFR 800-4
AFSC Supplement 1
SAMSO Supplement 1

AFR 800-19

**B. 2.7 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

AFSCM 171-267

MIL-STD-1345A

MIL-STD-1390B

Transfer of Program Management
Responsibilities

System/Equipment Turnover

AFSC Maintenance Performance Monitoring System

Data Measurement in Support of Maintenance, Calibration and Repair of Electronic Equipment

Level of Repairs
APPENDIX C

RELATED GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS
Additional information on the topics of this guidebook may be found in the following documents:


APPENDIX D

LIST OF DEFINITIONS

The following set of definitions of basic computer terms is particularly clear and coherent. These definitions are extracted from the May 1975 draft of the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory "DOD Weapon Systems Software Management Study." They were proposed by APL to the DOD Weapon System Software Management Committee for adoption as "working standard definitions in the Department of Defense." Their current status in DOD is unknown.
LIST OF DEFINITIONS

1. **Computer**: Electronic machinery which, by means of stored instructions and data, performs rapid, often complex calculations or compiles, correlates and selects data. Examples: Analog and digital processors, data processors, information processors, real-time control processors, electronic calculators, hybrid computers and communications processing.

2. **Computer Equipment/Computer Hardware**: Devices capable of accepting and storing computer data, executing a systematic sequence of operations on computer data or producing computer outputs. Such devices can perform substantial interpretation, computation, communication, control, or other logical functions. Examples: Central processing units, terminals, printers, analog/digital converters, tape drives, disks, and drums.

3. **Computer Supplies**: Consumables designated specifically for use in normal operation of computer systems such as magnetic or paper tape, special forms, punch cards, printer paper and ribbons.

4. **Computer Software**: A combination of associated computer programs and computer data required to command the computer equipment to perform computational or control functions.

5. **Computer Program**: A series of instructions or statements in a form acceptable to computer equipment, designed to cause the computer equipment to execute an operation or operations. Computer programs include operating systems, assemblers, compilers, interpreters, data management systems, utility programs, sort-merge programs, and maintenance/diagnostic programs, as well as applications programs such as payroll, inventory control, operational flight, satellite navigation, automatic test, crew simulator, and engineering analysis programs. Computer programs may be either machine-dependent or machine-independent, and may be general-purpose in nature or be designed to satisfy the requirements of a specialized process or a particular user.

6. **Computer Data**: A representation of facts, concepts, or instructions in a structured form suitable for acceptance, interpretation or processing by communication between computer equipment. Such data can be external to (in computer-readable form) or resident within the computer equipment and can be in the form of analog or digital signals.
7. **Computer Data Sources:** Devices, media, and associated actions that generate computer data for use by a computer system. Includes devices producing analog or digital signals; punched cards or magnetic tape; and associated procedures, processes, or methods used to initiate, modify, or terminate the operation of a computer system.

8. **Computer Equipment Outputs:** Computer data, computer control signals or computer information transmitted to any device or medium internal or external to the computer system.

9. **Computer Information:** The meaning assigned to computer equipment outputs by humans through the means of known conventions used in data representation.

10. **Computer Control Signals:** Computer equipment outputs in the form of electrical, optical or audio signals used to initiate, modify, or terminate the operation of non-computer devices external to the computer system.

11. **Computer System:** An interacting assembly consisting of computer equipment, computer programs, and computer data.

12. **Embedded Computer System (ECS):** An embedded computer system is a computer system that is integral to an electro-mechanical system such as a combat weapons system, tactical system, aircraft, ship, missile, spacecraft, certain command and control systems, civilian systems such as a rapid transit system, and the like. Embedded computer systems are considered different than automatic data processing systems (ADPS) primarily in the context of how they are developed, acquired and operated in a using system. The key attributes of an embedded computer system are:

   a. It is a computer system that is physically incorporated into a larger system whose primary function is not data processing.

   b. It is integral to such a larger system from a design, procurement or operations viewpoint.

   c. Its outputs generally include information, computer control signals and computer data.
13. **Computer Software Documentation**: Technical data, including computer listings and printouts, in human-readable form which: (1) documents the design or details of computer software, (2) explains the capabilities of the computer software, or (3) provides operating instructions for using the computer software to obtain desired results from computer equipment.

14. **Computer System Documentation**: Information that describes the technical details of the computer system over its life cycle. Documentation includes, but is not limited to, equipment design specifications, engineering drawings, operators manuals, technical orders, computer software documentation, systems specifications, run diagrams, and interface specifications.

15. **Computer System Resources**: The totality of computer equipment, computer programs, computer data, associated computer documentation, contractual services, personnel and computer supplies.