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SUBJECT: Release of Assistance Data Standard Version 1.0

Reference: Defense Pricing and Contracting Memorandum, "Notice of Intent to Publish a Data Standard for Other Transaction Agreements," dated November 15, 2023

As previewed in the reference memo, we designed the Assistance Data Standard (ADS) to represent multiple instrument types as electronic data in a modern, extensible markup language (XML) format. This memo announces formal publication of ADS Version 1.0. It is now available on the Procurement Data Standards section of the Defense Pricing and Contracting website: https://www.acq.osd.mil/asda/dpc/ce/ds/procurement-data-standard.html.

ADS Version 1.0 includes Other Transactions (OTs) for Prototypes and Production, as governed by the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (OUSD(A&S)). It also includes Grants, Cooperative Agreements, Technology Investment Agreements, and OTs for Research governed by the OUSD for Research and Engineering (R&E). OUSD(A&S) and OUSD(R&E) will continue to promulgate policy and oversee aspects of the ADS within their respective areas of responsibility. All business systems generating or receiving awards for ADS-covered instruments governed by OUSD(A&S) are required to implement the ADS.

Questions and comments may be directed to my point of contact, Mr. Jay Olson, at osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.dpc-cb@mail.mil.

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