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SUBJECT: TRADOC Policy Letter 20, Acquisition of Training Aids, Devices, Simulators and Simulations (TADSS), Games for Training, and Terrain Databases

1. References:

- a. Memorandum, HQDA, SAAL-SSI, 11 Dec 06, subject: U.S. Army Policy for the Acquisition of System Training Devices.
- b. Memorandum, VCSA, 30 Jun 08, subject: Policy for the Acquisition of Training Aids, Devices, Simulators and Simulations (TADSS) and Gaming for Training.
- c. Army Training Strategy (ATS), 4 Apr 11.
- d. AR 70-1 (Army Acquisition Policy), 22 July 2011.
- e. AR 350-38 (Policies and Management for Training Aids, Devices, Simulators, and Simulation), 28 March 2013.

2. To eliminate redundancy, reduce costs, and comply with Army policy for the acquisition of TADSS and gaming for training (reference 1b) and be consistent with the Army Training Strategy (reference 1c), all TRADOC organizations will coordinate with the appropriate Combined Arms Center-Training (CAC-T) TRADOC capability managers (TCMs) and TRADOC project offices (TPOs) before acquiring or developing any TADSS - including gaming and terrain databases.

3. While the Centers of Excellence (CoEs) and schools understandably want to provide the most current and effective training and education aids available, the Army cannot afford TADSS or terrain products that provide singular solutions or cannot be integrated with other TADSS in the integrated training environment (ITE). We also cannot afford to have money diverted from other programs to support procurement of non-program of record, school-unique TADSS or terrain products, and high-cost licensing fees. Buying unique capabilities defeats the ITE acquisition objective of having common tools in the institutions and at home station so that a graduate will not have to learn a new system after he or she arrives in the unit and will be motivated to learn how to use the tool while in school.

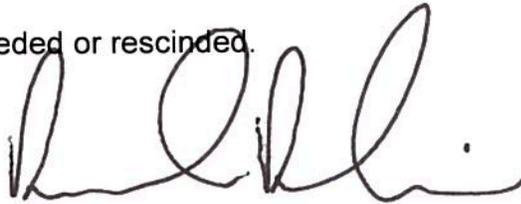
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4. CoEs will vet all TADSS and terrain requirements with the appropriate CAC-T TCM or TPO. TCMs and TPOs will validate the requirements in accordance with doctrine and approved training strategies, and ensure interoperability with existing and planned TADSS or determine if the terrain product is already available. This pre-acquisition coordination will ensure standardized Army training environments, eliminate duplication, and facilitate sustainment and integration planning.

5. In coordination with the TCMs and TPOs, the Training Support System Enterprise governs the acquisition of system and non-system TADSS, games for training and terrain database products. The Training Support System Review (TSS-R) and the TSS Program Management Review identify, assess, and validate resource requirements. The gaming requirements control board facilitates the rapid inclusion of current and future requirements, applies those to emerging technologies, relevant spin-offs from other applications, and consideration of both government and commercial off-the-shelf technologies.

6. This policy letter is effective until superseded or rescinded.



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