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MEMORANDUM FOR SAF/AQ PERSONNEL

FROM: SAF/AQ

SUBJECT: Advanced Battle Management System Campaign Plan

References: (a) SAF/AQ Chief Architect Assignment Memo
(b) Advanced Battle Management System plan of action and milestones

Given the challenges our large high-value platforms now face in contested environments, our Chief of Staff is leading the call for disaggregated Multi-Domain Command and Control options. Consequently, I am designating the Advanced Battle Management System as a family-of-systems program led by the SAF/AQ Chief Architect.

The Chief Architect will define, analyze, and manage the Advanced Battle Management System family-of-systems trade space, turning warfighter requirements into potential family-of-systems designs, recommending threshold and objective performance parameters contributing to SAF/AQ programs, managing family-of-systems design margin, and defining interfaces and standards to ensure interoperability. Program Executive Officers and Program Managers contributing to Advanced Battle Management System will retain all authority and responsibility for managing and executing their respective programs, but must gain approval from the Chief Architect before modifying threshold or objective performance parameters. Unresolved issues will be brought forward to SAF/AQ. The Chief Architect will hold routine programs review to inform the trade space and performance parameters. This will allow the Advanced Battle Management System to execute decentrally in multiple Program Executive Officers without reorganizing, creating one bulky mega-program, or eschewing the benefit the "tech push" rapid acquisition strategies are currently providing to many traditional AF programs.

While a program element has been established, funding for the Advanced Battle Management System phases 1 and 2 will be allocated to, and executed from, existing programs of record. A small portion of the funding will remain in the program element to support the Chief Architect. The AF does not intend to establish a separate major program in support of the Advanced Battle Management System.

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