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MEMORANDUM FOR SERVICE ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES  
DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Updated DX-Rated Program Listing

Attached is the current list of DX-authorized programs, which comprises those programs currently of the highest national defense urgency and for which only a DX rating will meet compressed milestone schedules.

Department of Defense (DoD) components are authorized to assign DX priority ratings to contracts and orders in support of these programs. DoD components may not assign any new DX ratings in support of programs that have been removed from the DX list. However, they do not have to modify current contracts and purchase orders to include the lower DO rating unless those contracts or purchase orders will persist beyond one year from the date of this memorandum. Requests for exceptions to this policy should be directed to the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Industrial Base Resilience (DASD(IBR)).

Nominations for DX status should be submitted to the DASD(IBR) in accordance with DoD 4400.1-M, "Department of Defense Priorities and Allocations Manual." Even absent a DX rating, DoD components may request Special Priorities Assistance (SPA) should it become necessary to reprioritize deliveries for individual contracts or orders to meet a specific need or due to a change in military urgency. SPA requests should be submitted to the DASD(IBR). My point of contact is Mr. Anthony Di Stasio, Director, Manufacturing Capability Expansion and Investment Prioritization, at 703-695-5347 or [osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.indpol-dpa-title@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.ousd-a-s.mbx.indpol-dpa-title@mail.mil).

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Attachment:  
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## ATTACHMENT 1

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### **Department of Defense List of DX-Rated Programs**

The Department of Defense has authority under the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (15 CFR 700) to place industrial priority ratings on its contracts. DoD uses two ratings: "DO" and "DX". If necessary to meet required delivery dates at any level in the supply chain, DO rated orders must be given production preference over unrated (commercial) orders, and DX rated orders must be given preference over DO-rated orders and unrated orders.

In accordance with DoD 4400.1-M, "Department of Defense Priorities and Allocations Manual", DO ratings are placed on the vast majority of DoD contracts. DX ratings can only be approved by the Secretary of Defense. DoD components are currently authorized to use DX industrial priority ratings in support of the following programs:

#### **Department of Defense**

- Program 390
- Integrated Ballistic Missile Defense System

#### **Department of the Navy**

- Presidential Helicopter VH-92
- Presidential Helicopter VH-3D
- Presidential Helicopter VH-60N
- Fleet Ballistic Missile Weapons System, Trident System<sup>1</sup>
- Program 341
- E-6B - Airborne Strategic Command, Control and Communications System

#### **Department of the Air Force**

- Space-Based Infrared System (SBIRS) High
- Intercontinental Ballistic Missile, Minuteman III
- B-2 Stealth Bomber
- VC-25A Presidential Aircraft
- VC-25B (Presidential Aircraft Recapitalization)
- LGM-35A Sentinel

- Joint Advanced Tactical Missile (JATM)
- Program 918

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<sup>1</sup> This DX rating includes the Cruise Missile Submarines/SSGN, and submarines with the Trident II SWS Missile – Ohio Class Submarines/SSBN, Columbia Class Submarines (formerly Ohio Replacement Class)/SSBN (X), and all future submarines that carry the Trident. The Trident missile is a submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) equipped with multiple independently-targetable reentry vehicles (MIRV). The Fleet Ballistic Missile (FBM) is armed with thermonuclear warheads and is launched from nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs).