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MEMORANDUM

From: Commander, Naval Sea Systems Command

To: Director, Contracts

Subj: CONTINUATION OF CRITICAL CONTRACT WORK

Ref: (a) USD (A&S) memo of 20 Mar 20, Defense Industrial Base Essential Critical Infrastructure Workforce

(b) ASN (RD&A) memo of 20 Mar 20, Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (USD (A&S)) Memorandum for the Defense Industrial Base

1. The purpose of this memorandum is to implement references (a) and (b) and to state clearly that contractors and their subcontractors supporting the Naval Sea System Command (NAVSEA) mission are part of the Defense Industrial Base (DIB) sector. Reference (a) provides that the DIB sector is an essential part of the nation's critical infrastructure as defined by the Department of Homeland Security. Reference (b) implements reference (a). The NAVSEA mission to design, build, deliver, and maintain ships and systems for the United States Navy is at the core of our nation's maritime defense. The Navy and therefore the United States requires NAVSEA to remain fully operational during this time of extreme difficulty. This includes contractors and subcontractors that support critical missions that are supported under NAVSEA contracts.

2. Pursuant to reference (a), contracts or subcontracts supporting the development, production, testing, fielding, or sustainment of our critical work or the infrastructure to support those activities, are considered Essential Critical Infrastructure. While taking all protective measures prescribed by the Center for Disease Control and other authorities to protect their workforces, such companies are expected to maintain their normal work schedules. In responding to state and local "Shelter-in-Place" and other similar orders, references (a), (b), and this memorandum support the continuation of work to maintain the essential critical infrastructure continues. As necessary, you and your contracting officers are authorized to issue individual letters to contractors implementing the contents of this memorandum.

3. I understand that this national emergency presents unique and difficult challenges. I encourage you to work closely with industry to ensure the continuation of our national security mission and the safety of the workforce.

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