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Meeting Notes 10-18-00 (Init. Mtg W/ Leroy Dowdle, Lt. Col Miller & Jim Tucker)

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RFL

Leroy Dowdle, LtCol Miller, Jim Tucker

I. General Notes

RFL supports accounting and finance functions related to USMC execution. Also implements any accounting changes adopted within DoD.

Budget is allocated through Congress to OSD to FMB to P&R, then RFL allocates down to execution activities. RFL tracks how budget is executed.

RFL serves as liaison with DFAS for field activities and headquarters, and also serves as a liaison with ASN.

Guidance on Execution – RFL is currently working on financial operations procedures which is in draft form at this time. Leroy will forward us a copy of this draft. Page 2-3 is particularly informative.

KPMG Consulting is currently doing supporting OSD comptroller – Financial Management Improvement Plan.

DFAS delivers pay related services and management of payroll systems on a day to day basis. RFL only gets involved if there is a new module or problems are encountered.

RFL suggests that we review MCPIP and the programming and budgeting reviews that have been completed in the past few years. They also suggested talking more with Bill Wallenhorst and will provide additional POCs to talk with. Jim Tucker mentioned that he will provide us additional information on recent budgeting process reviews.

RFL suggested that we talk with the budgeting people again regarding the allocation process for funding. All funding for USMC goes through FMB (DoN). Mr. Dixon receives dollars from FMB and distributes them to budget executing activities.

II. Process Improvement Opportunities

1. RFL conducted a working group about 1.5 years ago to address disconnect between budgeting and execution. The major problem

identified was the use of different fiscal codes between the two areas.

This problem makes it very difficult for either area to benefit from the others work. For example, the programming group cannot learn from the execution of previous years budgets because they can't match up programming codes with budget codes. This is an area where both sides agree that improvements can be made.

2. PEs are not used consistently throughout the process
3. Execution information is not properly communicated back to the other PPBS phases.

III. Related Systems

SABRS – Standard Accounting & Budgeting Reporting System.
Currently SABRS consists of two separate modules, but it is currently being combined into one module. Used to track execution of the budget.

DCPS – Defense Civilian Pay System

Marine Corps Total Force System

IV. Points of Contact

Mr. Wallenhorst

RFL will forward us additional POCs