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The Honorable Emil Michael
Office of the Under Secretary of Defense, Research and Engineering (USD(R&E))
The Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301

Subj: Revise DoD Acquisition Policy to Replace NDIA SAE/EIA-748

Dear Hon. Under Secretary of Defense Michael:

The SAE has no authority to be the accrediting organization for the Earned Value Management System Standard (EVMS), SAE/EIA-748. Per SAE Executive Standards Committee Governance Policy, SAE standards are "a documentation of broadly accepted **engineering practices** or specifications for a material, product, process, procedure or test method."

The draft EIA-748E and the expired EIA-748D contain no documentation of engineering practices. Please coordinate with Undersecretary Duffey and OMB to replace EIA-748 with ANSI-approved project management standards and guides. I submitted a requested to the SAE Systems Engineering G-47 Committee to disapprove the draft EIA-748E and to cancel the expired EIA-748D.

Additional justification is in the attached, revised white paper, DOD Acquisition Reform: EVMS-lite and Integrated Program Management, rev. 18.

Yours truly,

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