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MEMORANDUM FOR

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SUBJECT: Materiel Development Decision (MDD) Acquisition Decision Memorandum (ADM) for the Modular Airborne Weapons Case (MAWC) Program

1. Reference:

- a. Memorandum, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), SAAL-PA, 18 Jun 12, subject: Re-Instatement of Milestone Decision Authority (MDA) and Materiel Development Decision (MDD) Authority for Organizational Clothing and Individual Equipment Acquisition Category (ACAT) III Programs.
- b. Capability Production Document, Modular Airborne Weapons Case, Catalog of Approved Requirements Documents (CARDS) number 02106, dated 1 Mar 13.
- 2. In accordance with the authority delegated by the Army Acquisition Executive on 18 Jun 12 (referenced memorandum), I have conducted a review of the MAWC Program to determine the readiness for a Materiel Development Decision (MDD). Based on my review, I approve the MDD and:
- a. Designate the MAWC Program a pre-Milestone (MS) C Acquisition Category (ACAT) Level III Program. The MAWC is fully funded and will enter the acquisition framework at the Engineering and Manufacturing Development Phase, Post Critical Design Review with MS C (Full Rate Production) as the initial milestone.
- b. Accept the Headquarters, Department of the Army G-3/5/7 recommendation that Analysis of Alternatives requirements have been met based on the authority to tailor regulatory program information.
- 3. The MAWC program will be managed by the Product Manager (PM), Soldier Clothing and Individual Equipment through an Integrated Product Team. As the PM, you will ensure that this program remains safe, sustainable, and suitable for Soldier use and that it is being executed within statutory and regulatory requirements consistent with its ACAT designation.

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