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Pursuant to Article 5, Section 1, of the DLA-DLA Council of AFGE Locals Master Agreement (1997), the proposed implementation of the New DoD Defense Travel System (DTS), is provided for your review.

The Department of Defense (DoD) has reengineered the temporary duty (TDY) travel policies/procedures. This reengineering effort will streamline the procedures used to approve travel, reimburse travelers, and clarify travel entitlements. The principles of the reengineered process decentralized travel approval by affirming the honesty of travelers and supervisors, appointing supervisors responsible for authorizing travel and travel budget management, and automating the current manual process. The new process will better support mission requirements, reduce costs, and provide improved customer service. As we briefed the AFGE Council 169 at prior Partnership meetings;

- o DoD does not permit supplementation of DTS. DLA will not deviate from the DoD DTS policies/procedures.

- o All DoD employees will use Travel Manager, the new automated system.

- o All DLA employees will be trained on the new automated system and provided information on any new travel entitlements.

- o Defense Travel Region 6 (DTR 6), is scheduled for implementation FY99-FY2000. DTR 6 consists of the following states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Michigan, Minnesota. DoD has determined that the remainder of the CONUS/OCNUS implementation is scheduled for FY2000-02, based on the expiration of current Commercial Travel Office (CTO) contracts.



Since the DTS crosses many functional areas including transportation, information technology, and finance, HQ DLA established a Travel Reengineering Team. Mrs. Deborah L. Beckner, DLSC-LDT, is the DLA Travel Program Manager. For DTS technical information you may contact Ms. Beckner at Comm. (703) 767-3622 or DSN 427-3622 or email deborah_beckner@hq.dla.mil. For labor relations assistance regarding this Article 5 notification please contact Mr. James J. Braxton at (703) 767-65406 or DSN 427-6406 or email at james_braxton@hq.dla.mil. More information on travel reengineering efforts may be found on the DTS homepage at www.dtic.mil/dodtravel or on DLSC's homepage www.dlsc.dla.mil/travelpage.

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