CHARTER
PARTS STANDARDIZATION AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (PSMC)

1.0 Introduction: The Parts Standardization and Management Committee (PSMC) is chartered by the Defense Standardization Program Office (DSPO) to advise the DSP in the development of policy, procedures, and guidance related to parts management, to support the DSP in implementing such policy, procedures and guidance, and to provide a standing forum for sharing parts management information and best practices. Parts management primarily focuses on part selection during weapon system design, part application, obsolescence mitigation, and standardization. This charter is also intended to facilitate the PSMC’s effective participation in the reengineering of the DoD Parts Management Program. Reengineering parts management will provide DoD multiple benefits, including improved interoperability, increased operational availability, reduced life-cycle cost, and reduced logistics footprint.

2.0 Description: The PSMC is a DoD committee that provides a forum to influence and support parts management reengineering and to promote effective parts management and standardization through commonality of parts and processes. The PSMC members are government employees with parts management expertise, representing the Military Departments and Defense Agencies. Industry parts management experts and representatives of relevant industry trade associations (i.e., AIA, AIAA, GEIA) are invited by the Chairperson to participate in open meetings, provide expertise and ideas, and represent the issues and concerns of the private sector. While federal statute precludes formal industry membership in the PSMC, understanding industry’s parts management practices is essential for effectively reengineering DoD parts management. Occasional government-only sessions may be needed to discuss potential DoD policy changes.

3.0 Purpose: This charter establishes the PSMC as a primary forum for shaping and harmonizing government and industry approaches to parts management and standardization. The committee fosters continuous improvement in both Defense and Defense Industry-related parts management and standardization processes and practices. The PSMC will:

- Advise DSPO concerning parts management reengineering and parts standardization policies, procedures, issues, etc.
- Facilitate communication between DoD and industry
- Collaborate with groups with related missions, such as the Diminishing Manufacturing Sources and Material Shortages (DMSMS) Working Group
- Facilitate identification of parts management issues or problems and enable development of proposed solutions
4.0 **Mission:** The mission of the PSMC is to provide a standing forum for communication and collaboration between DoD and industry to promote and enable more effective and efficient parts management in support of the warfighter. In accomplishing this mission, the PSMC will:

- Advise DSPO regarding systems, technologies, practices, and approaches for improving parts management and standardization through win-win solutions for DoD and industry.
- Provide a forum for discussing and addressing parts-related issues of importance to DoD and the defense industry.
- Provide a body of parts management experts who can individually participate in the DoD parts management reengineering implementation effort.
- Foster standardization by promoting commonality of parts/processes, thereby increasing interoperability, improving logistics readiness, and reducing total ownership cost.
- Promote movement towards standardization of commercial and industrial parts.
- Promote a common understanding of the benefits (value-added) of parts management between government and industry.
- Promote the electronic exchange of parts data and the development of a common parts and component knowledge-sharing capability and practice.
- Promote education and training in parts management.

5.0 **Scope:** The scope of this charter addresses parts management-related issues and activities of mutual interest to DoD, other federal agencies, and industry. Activities undertaken through this charter may address, but are not limited to:

- parts-related systems, processes, and practices that involve physical parts or parts information
- parts-related issues, problems, or topics that involve or effect interoperability, logistics readiness, total ownership cost, or logistics system efficiency or effectiveness, including logistics footprint
- contractor parts management and standardization practices
- industry association standardization practices
- supply chain management
- part-related technology
- part testing, assessment, or qualification
- parts obsolescence management
- part substitution processes
- part documentation processes
- data sharing
- parts management process automation
- parts management education
6.0 **Organization**

6.1 **Sponsor:** The Defense Standardization Program Office shall be the Sponsor for the PSMC.

6.2 **Committee Chairperson:** The Director, Defense Standardization Program Office (DSPO), or an individual designated by the Director, shall serve as the Committee Chairperson.

6.3 **Chairperson’s Advisory Group:** The PSMC may have a Chairperson’s Advisory Group whose composition shall be determined by the Chairperson. [Initial composition will be the existing PSMC Steering Committee.]

6.3.1 The Chairperson’s Advisory Group will advise the Chairperson regarding communicating and resolving parts management issues, proposed agenda topics, and appropriate actions and products for the PSMC to undertake.

6.4 **Subcommittees:** Subcommittees may be established, as necessary, by the Chairperson and his/her Advisory Group to address ongoing areas or accomplish projects of relevance to the Sponsor and the Members.

6.4.1 Each Subcommittee shall be chartered by the Chairperson and shall have clear objectives and timeframes in which to achieve the objectives. Subcommittees may be permanent or ad hoc, as appropriate.

6.4.2 Subcommittees may be facilitated by a designated Subcommittee Chairperson. The Subcommittee Chairperson may designate a Vice-Chairperson to assist and serve in the Subcommittee Chairperson’s absence.

6.5 **Membership:** Members shall be designated by the Chairperson in consultation with the Military Departments and Defense Agencies. Members shall be added by invitation of the Chairperson. Individuals will be invited by the Chairperson to participate as members or industry advisors. Parties interested in joining the committee as members, or advisory industry parts management experts, may request an invitation from the Chairperson.
7.0 **Operation**

7.1 **General Meetings:** Meetings will be held at least twice yearly, and additionally as deemed necessary, by the Chairperson’s Advisory Board and members. Meeting dates, locations, and agendas shall be recommended by the Chairperson’s Advisory Board.

7.2 **Decisions:** When required, decision-making will be based on consensus.

7.3 **Communication:** Group business and communications shall be conducted via electronic media to the maximum extent possible to help defray the cost of travel.

7.4 **Charter Revision:** This charter may be revised at the recommendation of the Chairperson’s Advisory Group, with the approval of the Chairperson.

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**Approving Official:**

**Chairperson:**

[Signature]

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