

## EXECUTIVE ORDER TIMELINE

Order Issued

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**APRIL 9**

President Donald J. Trump issues an Executive Order aimed at modernizing defense acquisitions and spurring innovation in the defense industrial base.

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Acquisition Plan Due

**JUNE 8**

The Secretary of Defense is required to submit a plan to the President to reform the Department of Defense's acquisition processes, prioritizing commercial solutions and Other Transactions Authority.

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MDAP Review Due

**JULY 8**

The Secretary of Defense, through the Deputy Secretary of Defense, must complete a comprehensive review of all Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs).

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Workforce Plan Due

**AUGUST 7**

The Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and Component Acquisition Executives, must develop and submit to the President a plan to reform, right-size, and train the acquisition workforce.

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JCIDS Review Due

**OCTOBER 6**

The Secretary of Defense, through the Deputy Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Secretaries of the Army, Navy, and Air Force, and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, must complete a comprehensive review of the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System (JCIDS) with the goal of streamlining and accelerating acquisition.

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Ongoing Actions

**STARTING APRIL 7**

The Secretary of Defense is directed to oversee a review of and propose revisions to relevant DoD instructions, guides, manuals, and regulations related to acquisition to eliminate unnecessary rules and promote expedited acquisitions, applying a "ten-for-one" rule for new supplemental regulations.

The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, Service Acquisition Executives, and Component Acquisition Executives will manage risk for all acquisition programs through a formal Configuration Steering Board.

The Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment will establish field training teams, led by senior acquisition executives, to provide hands-on guidance on innovative acquisition authorities.

Policies, procedures, and tools will be developed and implemented to incentivize acquisition officials to utilize innovative acquisition authorities and take calculated risks.

Following the MDAP review, the Secretary of Defense will provide the Director of OMB with a plan for reviewing all remaining major systems that are not MDAPs.

## CAST OF CHARACTERS

### DONALD J. TRUMP



The incumbent President of the United States at the time of the Executive Order (April 9, 2025). As Chief Executive and Commander in Chief, he issued the order with the goal of ensuring the U.S. military possesses the most lethal warfighting capabilities by reforming the defense acquisition system.

### SECRETARY OF DEFENSE



The head of the Department of Defense. This individual is tasked with the primary responsibility for implementing the directives of the Executive Order, including submitting reform plans, conducting reviews, and overseeing regulatory changes.

### DEPUTY SECRETARY OF DEFENSE



The second-highest-ranking official in the Department of Defense. The Secretary of Defense will act through the Deputy Secretary in coordinating the reviews of MDAPs and the JCIDS.

### SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



The civilian head of the Department of the Army. This individual will coordinate with the Secretary of Defense on the plan to reform the acquisition workforce.

### SECRETARY OF THE NAVY



The civilian head of the Department of the Navy. This individual will coordinate with the Secretary of Defense on the plan to reform the acquisition workforce and the JCIDS review.

### SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE



The civilian head of the Department of the Air Force. This individual will coordinate with the Secretary of Defense on the plan to reform the acquisition workforce and the JCIDS review.

### UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR ACQUISITION AND SUSTAINMENT



A key leader within the Department of Defense responsible for all matters relating to acquisition and sustainment. This individual will play a significant role in managing acquisition risk through the Configuration Steering Board and establishing field training teams.

### SERVICE ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES (SAES)

High-ranking officials within each military service (Army, Navy, Air Force) responsible for overseeing their respective service's acquisition programs. They will be involved in developing the acquisition workforce reform plan and managing acquisition risk.

### COMPONENT ACQUISITION EXECUTIVES (CAES)

Acquisition leaders within various defense agencies and components. They will participate in the development of the acquisition workforce reform plan and the MDAP review.

### JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

The body of senior uniformed leaders in the Department of Defense who advise the Secretary of Defense on military matters. They will coordinate with the Secretary on the comprehensive review of the Joint Capabilities Integration and Development System.

### DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET (OMB)

The head of the OMB, responsible for overseeing the federal budget and management. The Secretary of Defense will submit lists of potentially cancelled MDAPs and MDAP contract performance data to the Director for review and future budget determinations. The Director will also receive a plan for reviewing remaining major systems.