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Subject:

UCI Firing Range - Path Forward Direction

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AC senior leadership has re-evaluated its need for an artillery test firing range in upstate NY and determined that there is sufficient artillery test firing range capacity within DEVCOM-AC and OGAs to safely meet all current and future DEVCOM-AC artillery test firing requirements. Senior leadership completed a review of the expected firing range at UCI and it was found that there is no longer a need to pursue the establishment of a firing range as a part of this contract. This direction is specific to the firing range for howitzer testing and does not impact ongoing or future VES work.

For your own information, a lot of factors including the unanticipated USG costs for full safety assessment and risk associated with projectile ricochet into route 9 and I-87 played a role. You are to support this decision in any subsequent discussions you have with the contractor and bring any ramifications of this decision as they pertain to your project shortfalls to your supervisory chain so that we can help.

As a product of the decision - you are tasked with working with the CO/COR to document and provide the contractor with a "stop work" letter. The intent of this letter is to (1) stop all activities associated with the firing range at UCI, (2) closeout all firing range tasks now, (3) return all firing range specific assets and (4) determine what funding is left. When a remaining funding amount is determined after closeout, a decision will be made on how to use that balance towards VES related efforts or other tasks determined to benefit our technology mission areas.

If you want to discuss this further we can meet when you return from your conference.

Thank you,

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