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Purpose: This issuance establishes the responsibilities, functions, relationships, and authorities of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by Sections 113, 133b, and 137a of Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.).

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SECTION 1: GENERAL ISSUANCE INFORMATION

1.1. APPLICABILITY.

This issuance applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD.

SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES, FUNCTIONS, RELATIONSHIPS, AND AUTHORITIES

As the principal assistant to, and under the authority, direction, and control of, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (USD(A&S)), the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment:

a. Pursuant to Sections 133b and 137a of Title 10, U.S.C., exercises the full powers of the USD(A&S) on any and all matters of which the USD(A&S) is authorized to act, pursuant to Title 10, U.S.C., and DoD Directive 5135.02, except in those areas where delegation of the USD(A&S)'s authority is otherwise restricted by higher authority or prohibited by law. This all-inclusive authority may not be further delegated *in toto*; however, the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment is authorized to make specific written delegations, where authorized and required.

b. Helps the USD(A&S) carry out responsibilities, fulfill functions, manage relationships, and exercise authorities, as provided in law and in accordance with DoD Directive 5135.02.

c. Advises on and assists the USD(A&S) with all responsibilities in providing staff advice and assistance to the Secretary of Defense.

d. Is the first assistant to the USD(A&S), pursuant to:

(1) Section 137a of Title 10, U.S.C.

(2) Sections 3345-3349d of Title 5, U.S.C., also known as the "Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998, as amended."

(3) Paragraph 3.b. of DoD Directive 3020.04.

GLOSSARY

ACRONYMS.

ACRONYM	MEANING
U.S.C.	United States Code
USD(A&S)	Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment

REFERENCES

DoD Directive 3020.04, “Order of Succession Pursuant to Executive Order 13533 and the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998,” August 25, 2010

DoD Directive 5135.02, “Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment (USD(A&S)),” July 15, 2020

United States Code, Title 5

United States Code, Title 10