

reform. Formerly, senior procurement officials of the agencies were preoccupied with policy and regulatory-making duties and not overall system concerns, such as an overly complicated procurement process or an underdeveloped work force or limited competition. Under the Executive order, each agency head is expected to charter a Procurement Executive to deal with complete system responsibilities.

An interagency task group was charged with developing a Procurement Executive model charter. The charter identifies the appropriate placement of the Procurement Executives, sets out primary duties and responsibilities, and lists those system-level functions appropriate for delegation. The charter was reviewed by the executive committee on which DOD is represented and partitioned. The Director, Office of Management and Budget, sent this model charter to the heads of the executive agencies requesting that it be adopted directly, or with modification, but stipulating that the agency's charter must remain consistent with the purpose and scope of the Executive order.

DOD responded to the Executive order with a June 30, 1982, letter to the Deputy Director, Office of Management and Budget, stating that the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering is the Procurement Executive for DOD.