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TARGET AUDIENCE: Operations Flight

CE Vehicle Acquisition Support

SYNOPSIS:

This supersedes A-Gram 99-28, dated June 1999.

The Air Force is in the midst of a 12-year, \$2.78B vehicle acquisition program designed to bring the vehicle fleet to 85 percent of operational standards. With that bit of great news, it would be safe to assume your older vehicles would be replaced and your vehicle problems would go away, right? Not necessarily. Money is still spent where it is needed most and if you do not make your needs known, you will be driving antiques. The old axiom "the squeaky wheel gets the grease" still applies.

Civil engineers operate some 14,800 general and special purpose vehicles costing about \$1.4B. Of these, 46 percent are replacement eligible and 7 percent are missing (open or unfilled authorizations). These figures indicate that 53 percent of our fleet is in need of attention.



OLD PROCESS:

In past years we relied on someone else to take the initiative and make sure that we had the proper tools to do our jobs. Although we didn't always have new equipment, it was reliable enough and the maintenance turnaround time was short, with parts readily available. Today, we operate with equipment that is old and no longer parts-supportable. A change in the way we do business is needed.

NEW PROCESS:

You can get the "squeaky wheel" rolling in the right direction by providing more factual information to senior "money" managers. The improvements you receive are directly related to your initiative and ability to communicate your needs accurately to these financial managers.

The correct submission procedure is to send documentation to your MAJCOM/CE Vehicle Manager who, in-turn, sends your information directly to his/her Air Staff counterpart, or to HQ AFCESA, where it will be consolidated and forwarded to Air Staff.

For any additional assistance, please contact your MAJCOM/CE Vehicle Manager or if AFCESA can help, contact Mr. Dave Wagner.

The following list may help you identify the areas that you want to review and report to Air Staff:

- Vehicle lease and rental costs. Furnish a listing of all vehicles rented or leased to meet mission requirements. The list should include vehicle type, cost per month, and rent/lease duration.

- Identify the costs of jobs contracted out because existing Air Force vehicles were not capable of doing the job or the authorization for that item was unfilled.

- Document C-rating degradation based on vehicle status.

- Identify costs to other O&M programs caused by diversion of funds to support vehicle needs. If O&M dollars were not budgeted to provide additional/emergency support, where did the money come from? For example, an air-conditioning unit failed to

get replaced because the funding was diverted to lease/rent a backhoe to replace a collapsed section of sewer line.

- Lost time cost resulting from vehicle downtime, as well as work order slippage, man-hours lost, or materials lost based on vehicles not being available. Identify vehicle type and duration of downtime and whether supplemental action was taken.

- Identify all O&M dollars you had to pay for maintenance to get your vehicle back in commission.

- Identify direct mission impacts (bullet background or talking papers for senior management) to highlight critical needs. This could be a combination of all the above, describing any situation that adversely affected the mission.