

ENGINEERING, FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT AND PROCUREMENT

Biomedical Equipment Maintenance

AFMLL Engineering, Facilities, Equipment and Procurement Two-Year Alphabetical Index

To assist in locating articles previously published in the Engineering, Facilities, Equipment and Procurement portion of the AFMLL, **Attachment 7** is an alphabetical index of articles published during calendar years 1997 through 1998 (AFMLLs 1-97 through 12-98). The articles are listed by the title and AFMLL number, and are divided into the categories listed below:

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If you have problems using the index or cannot locate a specific article, please feel free to contact us. With our on-line database, we can help you locate articles quickly. (AFMLO/FOA, Rita Miller, DSN 343-4158)

Year 2000 (Y2K)

What is the Health of Your Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Equipment?

Uninterruptible power supply manufacturers are reporting a flood of letters asking if their UPS units are year 2000 compliant. In the vast majority of cases the answer is yes. The bad news is that Y2K compliance may be the wrong question to ask.

If everything goes as predicted on January 1, 2000, then people will need to rely on their UPSs. The critical question is: Is the UPS still capable of covering the applications intended for protection? The electronics may be fine, but what about the batteries? These lose power as they age and any system that is more than two to three years old should be checked carefully to make sure batteries are still able to cover the design outage.

Another fundamental question is whether the design outage is adequate to cover needs? Some electrical utilities appear uncertain they will be able to guarantee power supply during the year 2000 roll-over period. If this is the case, users need to think about adding extra battery packs to cover extended downtime requirements or even consider installation of a generator. If the latter option is chosen, then again, the UPS specification needs to be reviewed to ensure that this will provide the right voltage stabilization from the temporary supply.

To help customers resolve these peak loading issues and a host of other potential millennium power problems, many UPS companies provide support services to review UPS power requirements. This service can be obtained via the UPS company's national sales and service network.

As a risk mitigation issue, evaluate your projected UPS support requirements, and develop an appropriate contingency plan. (AFMLO/FOM, Maj Roger Stull, DSN 343-2117)

Facilities Management

Facilities Y2K Update

Thanks and congratulations to all for completing their Y2K assessments by the deadline! Everyone should be proud of meeting this critical deadline through a major AFMS Team effort!

Future/Upcoming Events/Deadlines

Note: OASD HA and AF SG identified Joint Medical Information Systems, and a few AFMS Information Systems as 'mission critical'. Infrastructure was identified as 'mission essential'. The 'mission essential' equipment compliance date is 31 Mar 99. However, MTFs must designate their equipment as 'critical' vs. 'essential' or 'impaired' in regard to their mission (critical if loss of item would stop MTF medical mission).

Early Mar 99: MTF Non-compliant equipment lists with Risk Control Plans, and letters requesting waivers to keep 'all remaining non-compliant equipment' in service past 31 Mar 99 due to MAJCOMs for submission to AFMLO. Specific guidance forthcoming.

Early Apr 99: MTF Certifications of full compliance of all equipment and systems; with exceptions noted, due to MAJCOMs to review and forward to AFMLO.

Facilities Monthly Reports: Submit Facility Infrastructure Non-compliant items updates including renovation costs, estimated completion dates, and testing results in format specified to AFMLO by 3rd of each month. Also send a copy to your MAJCOM.

The expanded AFCESA Facilities Y2K spreadsheet sent to you in December with your non-compliant items listed, which includes a section for your Risk Control Plan, is the form to be submitted monthly, in addition to any testing

documentation submitted IAW with the AFMS Testing Plan to be posted on the homepage very soon.

The Year of Testing is 1999. All Facility Infrastructure equipment that can be tested, should be tested. Please keep up all your efforts on this important program. Remember that Contingency Plans and COOPs must also be exercised, and documented as well, as part of your Y2K Program. See the Enabling Guide distributed on 21 Dec 98 for even more information.

All critical equipment must have a Contingency Plan, and it is strongly recommended by the DoD Management Plan and the AFMS Risk Management Plan, that any equipment that cannot be tested have a Contingency Plan. Consider a Contingency Plan for all other infrastructure equipment. This is in accordance with the DoD Y2K Management Plan, Appendix C on Infrastructure. All Contingency Plans and Continuity of Operations Plans (CCOPS) are to be exercised, and documented, by 30 Jun 99. More to come; stay tuned.

Mr. Bob Eckrich is the new Facilities Team Y2K Program Assistant, and has been a great help! Please welcome Bob to the team. His telephone number is DSN 343-4972; email: eckricr@fdetrck-ccmail.army.mil.

Many thanks also to Capt Bob Zak for his assistance in finalizing the assessments and certifications on AFMS vehicles, WRM Base Operating Support equipment, Aeromedical Evacuation Communications equipment, and the Theater Blood Transshipment Centers equipment.

AFMLO will assist you in any way possible. Please keep an eye on the AFMLO homepage for any new information on Y2K at www.medicine.army.mil/afmlo. (AFMLO/FOM-F, Maj Roger Stull, DSN 343-2117)

Medical Equipment Management

News Flash on the Veterans Affairs Special Services (VASS) Contracting Office

The VASS contracting office at AFMLO just finished their third full year of service to the Air Force. In fiscal year 98 the VASS contracted over \$52 million for the Air Force. During this fast paced three years, there has been some growing pains with the program. We have been short on contracting personnel and the revised guidelines on how to use the VASS program are included as **Attachment 1**. Now it is time to fine tune the process. Mr. Russell Taylor arrived in November as the VASS Team Leader. Please use the revised guidelines for future purchase requests. One issue that seems to be reoccurring is the completeness/accuracy of the DD Form 448-2s (MIPRs) the VASS receives. The major problems are reference of the appropriate fund cite, use of NSNs, and requisition numbers. For clarification, if you are the running the purchase through MEDLOG then you should use the 6B stock fund cite referenced in AFMAN 23-110, Volume 5, pages 2-22 which is **97X4930.FCOB.6B**. It is important to note this fund cite is not fiscal year dependent and does not change each fiscal year. The certifying official for 6B fund cites is the Medical Logistics Flight Chief or their designated representative. If at all possible you should use the 6B fund cite since it offers the value of the stock fund if something gets lost/damaged in transit. If you use 2X or 2F fund cites you must have base level finance as the certifying official for funds availability. **No one in logistics can certify funds availability for 2X or 2 F funds**. Always include a NSN on your requests. Finally, the MIPR number and the requisition number are one in the same. Assign the requisition number generated from MEDLOG after the ESD is established and use it as the MIPR number. If you have any questions on the VASS program contact Capt Troy

Molnar. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt Troy Molnar, DSN 343-4083)

Shared Procurement Equipment Items Currently Available

AFMLL 04-97, Attachment 1, pages 1 and 2, contains a list of all current Shared Procurement contracts and optional contracts available through the Defense Supply Center Philadelphia (DSCP). If you plan to order any of these items for your facility, use the specific ordering instructions and overall program guidance contained in AFMLL 04-96, pages CE-4 and CE-5. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt Troy Molnar, DSN 343-4083)

“Piggyback” Contracts Currently Available

AFMLL 16-96, Attachment 1, pages 4 and 5, contains a list of all current “piggyback” contracts currently available through DSCP. These contracts will allow facilities to “piggyback” requirements onto existing orders placed for specific quantities. Many of these contracts are designed to buy large quantities at reduced prices, and are written with the option of buying additional quantities at the same price. The list includes available quantities and “Order By” dates. To order, send your MILSTRIP requisitions to DSCP, and reference the contract number (from the listing) in the notes section. (AFMLO/FOM-P, Capt Troy Molnar, DSN 343-4083)

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