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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Interactive Electronic Technical Manuals (IETM)

Army Regulation (AR) 25-30, "The Army Publishing Program," Section 1-10, requires technical manuals including IETMs to be developed in accordance with Military Standard (Mil Std) 40051, "Preparation of Digital Technical Information for Multi-Output Presentation of Technical Manuals," and Mil Std 2361, "Digital Publications Development." The update to Mil Std 2361, Mil Std 2361B, dated March 31, 2003, contains the Extensible Mark-up Language (XML) requirements that are applicable for the development, acquisition, and delivery of IETMs. The XML and related standards also are referenced in Section 4, "Information, Modeling, Metadata and Information Exchange Standards," in the Department of Defense Joint Technical Architecture, dated April 4, 2003.

The Army recognizes web-based applications as a standard for the future. The use of XML as an enabling technology will help achieve that standard and provides enterprise interoperability and support for net centric data management and standardization. The XML is designed to improve the functionality of web design by providing more flexible and adaptable information identification. Program Managers must comply with Mil Std 2361 and Mil Std 40051 when developing IETMs.

Using these Military Standards supports the Common Logistics Operating Environment and ensures the Army Acquisition, Sustainment and Training communities can capture, share, and reuse critical platform logistics information.

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