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MEMORANDUM FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE SPRAY TECHNIQUE ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH FOR DEFENSE (STAR4D) PROGRAM


The Iowa Waste Reduction Center (IWRC) at the University of Northern Iowa developed a training program for spray painting technicians to maximize efficiency and quality and minimize impact on the environment. The program, known as Spray Technique Analysis and Research (STAR), has been refined and transferred to 30 sites, primarily community colleges, in 14 states.

Painting and coating operations are performed at over 350 Department of Defense facilities worldwide. The type of equipment painted ranges widely, from aircraft with very exacting specifications, to ordinary vehicles with less stringent requirements. Costs associated with painting can be considerable, both in economic and environmental terms.

STAR techniques and principles have been adapted to military painting operations under a new program called STAR for Defense (STAR4D). The U.S. Congress has provided funding to deploy the STAR4D program to military operations through the Defense Logistics Agency, and STAR4D officially began on October 1, 2003.

STAR4D training, research and demonstrations are provided under U.S. Army RDECOM (for the Defense Logistics Agency) Prime Contract No: W91CRB-07-C-0011 with Southwest Research Institute (SwRI), and Subcontract No: 799127M0 with the University of Northern Iowa – IWRC.

STAR4Defense is sponsored and recognized by the Defense Logistics Agency as a program that provides valuable services to military facilities Defense-wide that are engaged in painting and coating operations. We encourage participation of all pertinent facilities in the STAR4D program.



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