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Re: Corrected pages (p. iii), (p. xix), (p. 84)

On page iii, a typographical error in the second paragraph indicates that the expanded version of this document (available only to U.S. Department of Defense personnel and contractors) was published in 2007. This should have read “2008”. This error has been corrected in the current pdf which is available here for download.

On page xix, an omission incorrectly infers that Charlie E. Williams, Jr. is still with SAF/AQC. This sentence should have read “We thank Charlie E. Williams, Jr., formerly of SAF/AQC, for sponsoring this study.” This error has been corrected in the current pdf which is available here for download.

On page 84, in the Bibliography, the first reference was updated to reflect a 2008 publication year.

We regret the inconvenience.

Preface

This monograph documents RAND Corporation research on purchases made to support U.S. Air Force activities during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). We provide a baseline of contingency contracting activities for OIF and insights relevant to important contracting and logistics policy issues. These analyses are based primarily on data from the U.S. Central Command Air Forces (CENTAF) comptroller describing purchases made during FYs 2003 and 2004 at CENTAF locations supporting OIF.

This research was part of a broader study titled “Contracting to Support Contingencies: Lessons from Recent Operations,” sponsored by the Air Force Deputy Assistant Secretary for Contracting (SAF/AQC) and the Deputy Chiefs of Staff for Logistics, Installations, and Mission Support, Resource Integration (AF/A4/7P) and Logistics Readiness (AF/A4R). The study was conducted within the Resource Management Program of RAND Project AIR FORCE. An expanded version of this document, available to U.S. Department of Defense personnel and contractors, contains additional information and data (see Baldwin, Ausink, Campbell, et al., 2008).

This monograph is designed to assist contracting and logistics policymakers in their efforts to improve future Air Force contingency contracting activities. RAND Project AIR FORCE has previously examined issues related to Air Force contracting and logistics policy. The resulting publications in the area of agile combat support include the following:

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DAU—see Defense Acquisition University.