

Amendment # 3108 Department of Defense, Deputy Chief Management Officer Access Amendment

Amendment 3108 will mandate that the Deputy Chief Management Officer (DCMO) has access to the “back-office” IT programs at the military services.

The Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps all have major Enterprise Resource Planning programs (ERPs) and the DCMO has the statutory responsibility to provide oversight to these programs.

However, the DCMO does not have statutory access to the ERP programs themselves and without this access cannot perform their oversight role.

The Deputy Chief Management Officer approves ERP programs at the service level through the milestone approval process at an investment review board.

Without access to the data in the systems, the DCMO must approve these ERP projects based on a ‘self-certification’ of the military services who have an incentive to only show the positive aspects of their multi-billion dollar ERP investments.

By providing this access, the DCMO will be able to conduct rigorous oversight envisioned by the investment review process.

A good example of the need for this amendment is for the DCMO to judge whether or not these major IT investments will allow the Department of Defense to pass a financial audit by 2017 as required by law.