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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** SURGEON GENERAL OF THE ARMY  
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE NAVY  
SURGEON GENERAL OF THE AIR FORCE

**SUBJECT:** Policy For Obtaining Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner Maintenance Service

The time to realize pricing advantages for consolidated maintenance contracts on a national level is now, beginning with CT scanner maintenance. All CT scanner maintenance not performed by a trained military biomedical equipment technician (BMET) will be obtained using a national contract.

The Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC) will let a nation-wide indefinite quantity contract for maintenance by line item, and differentiating between new and older models of the same company's equipment. A common statement of work that has already been developed by the Services will be used. Maintaining BMET skills necessary to function effectively in a war zone is essential. The contract will allow the option of first call for BMETs on maintenance or repairs.

There will be sufficient numbers of quality competitors for this contract to ensure the DoD obtains lower pricing than currently is obtained by local contracting while retaining high quality service.

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