

Performance Specifications



INTRODUCTION

Performance specifications are preferred by DoD over detail specifications for the acquisition of material. The Army requires performance specifications be certified by a Standards Executive (SE). The TACOM ARDEC SE instituted a disciplined process for senior level review and certification of performance specifications. Performance specifications that are not certified can not be used for acquisition purposes without a solicitation waiver. TACOM ARDEC QED has an integral role in developing performance specifications and in the certification process.

TACOM ARDEC PS PROCESS

- Performance Specification is developed to meet the requirements of MIL-STD-961D and Higher HQ Policy.
- Specification is reviewed by QED's Policy Office for compliance with requirements. We recommend mature specifications to the panel.
- DoDISS type specifications are submitted to AMC/DSPO for comment.
- Performance Specification Review Panel reviews specification and has authority to request changes or nominate for certification by the Standards Executive.
- TACOM ARDEC SE certifies the document as a performance specification.
- QED Policy Office maintains a master list of certified performance specifications.

TACOM ARDEC QED HELP FOR PERFORMANCE SPECIFICATIONS

QED's Policy office has experience providing review and commentary on performance specifications. We facilitate the TACOM ARDEC performance specification certification process. We attend all panels and incorporate lessons learned from these panels into some 20 guidance documents called Hot Tips that are available at <http://qa.pica.army.mil/qest/Policy/Hottips/>. These Hot Tips provide guidance on how to write a performance specification and how to submit one for certification by the SE. The Hot Tips include the mandatory requirements of MIL-STD-961D and examples of ammo and weapons peculiar requirements such as EOD, Army Fuze Board and Safety.

A flow chart of the certification process can be viewed at http://qa.pica.army.mil/qaw/QAW_P/PS_flowchart.htm

Copies of all the policy associated with performance specifications can be viewed at http://qa.pica.army.mil/qaw/QAW_P/policy_specs.htm.

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