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**PRIORITIES FOR RESOURCES
MANAGEMENT**



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1. The Air Force must use scarce resources efficiently while maintaining combat readiness to support national military objectives. Because many Air Force activities place claims for these resources, the Air Force must set priorities for their use. This directive establishes policy governing precedence ratings for units and programs which compete for available resources.

2. A unit or program's precedence rating will depend on how essential it is to the Air Force mission at a point in time.

3. The Air Force will establish a Priority Review Working Group (PRWG) to monitor precedence ratings. Members include representatives from selected Air Force Secretariat, Air Staff, Major Commands (MAJCOM), Air Force Reserve, and Air National Guard organizations.

4. The following responsibilities and authorities are established:

4.1. The Director of Programs and Evaluation (HQ USAF/PE) controls the US Air Force Priority System for Resources Management. This official assigns Force/Activity Designators (FAD) II through V, establishes precedence ratings for all Air Force activities, and chairs the PRWG.

4.2. The Systems Division (HQ USAF/PED) administers the Air Force Priority System and is the PRWG Executive Secretariat.

4.3. The PRWG reviews assignments of precedence ratings once a year, or as required.

4.4. MAJCOMs and other Air Force agencies create procedures for allocating local priorities based on mission needs and the overall priorities assigned by HQ USAF/PE.

5. **Terms Explained:**

5.1. **Uniform Materiel Movement and Issue Priority System (UMMIPS)** is used in requisitioning and issuing materiel from the Department of Defense's (DoD) and General Services Administration's distribution systems, as well as in moving materiel through the defense transportation system. Through UMMIPS, the DoD governs the priority of resources used by the military departments.

5.2. **Force/Activity Designator** is a Roman numeral designator ranging from I (highest) through V (lowest). It reflects how essential a unit or program is to the DoD's overall mission.

6. Related instructions are in AFI 16-301, *US Air Force Priority System for Resources Management*, formerly AFR 27-1.

7. See [Attachment 1](#) for measures used to comply with this policy.

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Attachment 1

MEASURING COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY

A1.1. HQ USAF/PED will measure the success of this policy each year by charting and evaluating the precedence ratings assigned to units and programs. Data will be displayed by FAD codes and will show trends over time (**Figure A1.1.** and **Figure A1.2.**).

A1.1.1. Changes in the precedence rating distribution will not necessarily mean noncompliance with the policy. A surge or drop in one or more FAD codes will require analysis to determine whether the cause is actually noncompliance with the policy or is due to other reasons. For example, a dramatic increase in FAD I precedence rating assignments may arise from the current world situation; that is, movement of troops or materiel to support a wartime scenario. Similarly, a decline in one or more FAD codes may warrant monitoring because a decline may signal FAD code inflation where units or programs are shifting to higher, unwarranted, priorities.

A1.1.2. Tracking the assignment of precedence ratings by FAD code will allow management to monitor imbalances or growth in proportion to the other FAD codes. To create a valid unit priority system, the Air Force goal is to have a rising slope between high priority (FAD I) and low priority (FAD V) levels. Programs will have more FAD II ratings to move them through test and evaluation phases and out to the field units.

Figure A1.1. Sample Metric of Unit Precedence Ratings by FAD Codes.

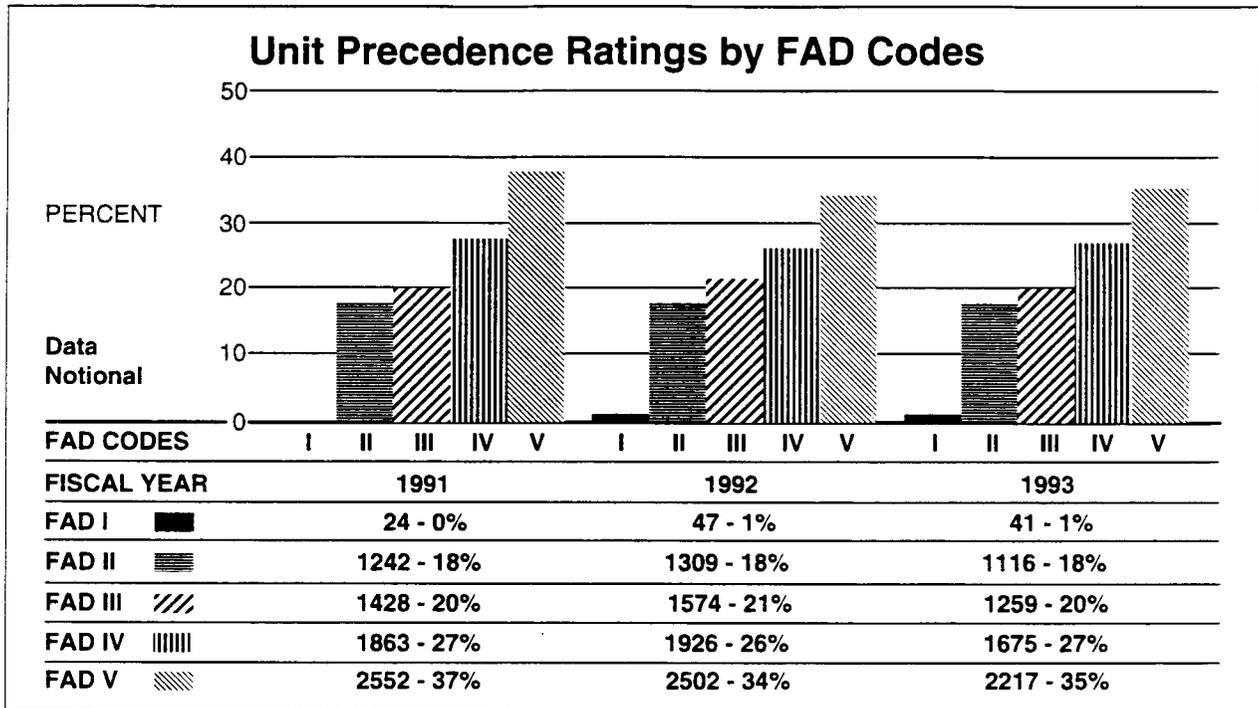


Figure A1.2. Sample Metric of Program Precedence Ratings by FAD Codes.

