

j. Conflict of Interest in Contractor Support. The specialized nature of weapon systems development leads to an inherent risk of conflict of interest on the part of contractors involved in project development and those supporting COMOPTEVFOR's operational testing ((PIN 99-02) **except as noted in Advanced Concept Technology Demonstrations (ACTD), below**). You, the OTD, are responsible for reviewing the level of contractor involvement in project development, including developmental testing.

(5) ACTDs. ACTDs are not subject to the rules of formal acquisition, and Title 10 U.S. Code does not apply; therefore, contractors can be expected to participate in ACTDs. We will not attempt to influence this arrangement. If and when the ACTD transitions to formal acquisition, we will ensure the independence of our OPEVAL. See chapters 4, 6, and 8 for more information .