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From: Contracting Officer's Representative
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Subj: LETTER OF TECHNICAL DIRECTION (#11-010USMC) CLARIFICATION
REGARDING MOTORCYCLE SAFETY FOUNDATION (MSF) COURSES

Ref: (a) FLEET INDUSTRIAL SUPPLY CENTER (FISC) SAN DIEGO CONTRACT
N00244-08-C-0032

1. Reference (a) provides that the Contractor deliver training services in accordance with the Statement of Objectives. Curriculum specified in reference (a) includes the following MSF Courses:

- a. Basic Rider Course (BRC)
- b. Experienced Rider Course (ERC)
- c. Military Sportbike Rider Course (MSRC)

2. MSF has recently changed course content and has made changes to course titles:

a. BRC. **(No change)** This remains the required entry level course for beginning motorcycle riders. Currently this course is also required for riders who may be experienced and even licensed, but have no proof of ever having attended a BRC or equivalent course. BRC is typically taken by students before they purchase a motorcycle and therefore allows for the use of training motorcycles provided under the reference (a). It is noted that for the purposes of the Marine Corps training requirement, a rider who already owns a motorcycle but has not previously received training should take the BRC on their own motorcycle. For riders who intend to use the BRC completion to obtain a motorcycle endorsement, state requirements may vary and should be considered. A rider who owns a motorcycle but does not have the endorsement may be permitted to take BRC on a training bike if doing so is a requirement of the respective state license/endorsement waiver program.

b. ERC. The ERC represents intermediate training for motorcycle riders (other than sport bike riders) and is required after BRC and after they have purchased a motorcycle. **MSF has made slight revisions to this curriculum and renamed it BRC-2.** The contractor may utilize existing ERC materials until they are exhausted and shall transition to BRC-2 materials as MSF phases out ERC. BRC-2 will eventually be the required intermediate training for other than sport bike riders.

c. MSRC. The MSRC is required intermediate training for sport bike motorcycle riders and is taken after BRC and after a rider has obtained a sport bike. **MSF has made slight revisions to this**

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curriculum and offered it to the general public under the name "Advanced Rider Course - Sportbike Techniques (ARC-ST)." For the foreseeable future, MSF will support MSRC for training organizations serving the military and ARC-ST for others. The Marine Corps considers these two courses equivalent and interchangeable. Also, riders who do not ride sport bikes, but desire MSRC (or ARC-ST) may receive this training in lieu of a required ERC (or BRC-2).

3. It is important to note that the training program is continuing to evolve and improve, and that flexibility and responsiveness to the needs of the riders is critical to overall success. One of the changes inherent in BRC-2 is its utilization as a substitute for BRC for those riders who already possess basic riding skills but have never received (or documented) initial training. Marine Corps policy does not currently allow this application of BRC-2 (or ERC).

4. The government considers the direction contained in this letter to be within the scope of reference (a). If you disagree, please contact me within three (3) business days.

5. If you need any further information, please contact me at 703-614-1202 or peter.j.hill@usmc.mil.



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