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SUBJECT: DFARS 205.303 Announcement of Contract Awards

By the attached memorandum dated July 8, 2011, the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) provided notification that a recent Government Accountability Office (GAO) audit report found that the military departments and defense agencies were not submitting all of the information required by DFARS 205.303 to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (OASD(PA)). In response to the GAO audit report finding, DPAP issued the memorandum to remind the military departments and defense agencies to provide the information required in DFARS 205.303(a) (ii) (D) to the OASD(PA) for applicable contract award announcements. DPAP plans to conduct periodic reviews of the OASD(PA) website to confirm compliance with the DFARS requirement. Accordingly, it is requested that you review your applicable procedures to ensure that the Department is providing complete information in accordance with DFARS 205.303.

My point of contact for this matter is Mr. Clarence Belton. He can be reached at clarence.belton@navy.mil or (703) 693-4006.

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The Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report, GAO-11-122R DoD Contract Announcements, dated November 30, 2010, found that military departments and defense agencies in the Department of Defense were not submitting complete information to the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (OASD(PA)) in accordance with Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 205.303.

DPAP concurred with GAO’s recommendation and sends this memorandum to remind military departments and defense agencies to provide the information required in DFARS 205.303(a)(ii)(D) to the OASD(PA) for applicable contract award announcements. To improve compliance, DPAP will conduct periodic checks of the OASD(PA) website to verify the required information is being provided. Your support of this requirement is appreciated.

My point of contact for this memorandum is Mr. Larry McLaury. He can be reached at 703-697-6710 or e-mail address larry.mclaury@osd.mil.

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