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Enclosure (1) is forwarded for your information and immediate implementation, as appropriate. The Director of Defense Procurement has directed all Department of Defense contracting activities to suspend the use of price evaluation adjustments for small disadvantaged businesses in DoD procurements, as prescribed in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Subpart 19.11.

This suspension applies to all solicitations issued during the period from February 24, 2001, to February 23, 2002.

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SUBJECT: Suspension of the Price Evaluation Adjustment for Small Disadvantaged Businesses

Effective 30 days after the date of this memorandum, all Department of Defense (DoD) contracting activities shall suspend the use of the price evaluation adjustment for small disadvantaged businesses (SDBs) in DoD procurements, as prescribed in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Subpart 19.11.

Subsection 2323(e) of title 10, United States Code (USC), as amended by Section 801 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999, prohibits DoD from exercising the authority for a price exceeding fair market cost if the Secretary determines at the beginning of the fiscal year that DoD achieved the 5 percent goal established by subsection 2323(a) in the most recent fiscal year for which data are available. The determination has been made that in fiscal year 2000 DoD exceeded the 5 percent goal established in 10 USC 2323(a) for contract awards to SDBs. Accordingly, use of the price evaluation adjustment prescribed in FAR 19.11 is suspended for DoD.

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