MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, NAVAL SUPPLY SYSTEMS COMMAND

Subj: EXTENSION OF THE SYNOPSIS WAIVER PILOT PROGRAM ON ACQUISITION OF SERVICES FROM SMALL BUSINESSES

Ref: (a) COMNAVSUP memo dtd November 17, 1999, Proposed Class Waiver to Synopsis Requirement for Acquiring Services from Competitive Small Business
(b) OASN(RD&A) memo dtd February 4, 2000, Proposed Class Waiver to Synopsis Requirement for Acquiring Services from Competitive Small Business
(c) ASN(RD&A) memo dtd November 17, 2001, Extension of the Pilot Program on Acquisition of Services from Competitive Small Business

Encl: (1) OFPP and SBA Joint Memo dtd October 1, 2004
(2) Amendment of Class Determination and Findings

Reference (a) requested a class waiver eliminating the requirement for synopsizing proposed acquisitions of competitive small business services between $25,000 and $100,000 when specific conditions are met. Reference (b) provided the class waiver to the Naval Supply System Command for action and implementation.

The class waiver was in support of the Department of the Navy’s (DoN) participation in a pilot program established by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and the Small Business Administration.

Reference (c) advised that the pilot program expiration date had been extended to September 30, 2004.

Enclosure (1) extends the expiration date of the subject pilot program to March 30, 2005. Enclosure (2) amends the Class Determination and Findings to recognize the program extension and changes in PRO-Net.

Please continue to implement this pilot program throughout DoN. Please ensure that DoN buying activities are aware of the waiver and the conditions under which it may be used.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SELECTED AGENCY SENIOR EXECUTIVES

FROM: Hector V. Barreto
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SUBJECT: Extension of the Synopsis Waiver Pilot Program for Six Months

This is to inform you that the Small Business Administration (SBA) and the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) have agreed to extend the synopsis Waiver pilot program for six months beginning October 1, 2004. The pilot program allows for the waiver of the synopsis requirement in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 5.2 when agencies acquire services valued between $25,000 and $100,000 from small businesses based on the circumstances described in the September 27, 2001 SBA/OFPP memorandum entitled, “Extension of the Pilot Program on the Acquisition of Services from Small Businesses.”

During this period, the SBA will evaluate the value of the pilot program to see whether the waiver is enabling agencies to take better advantage of the services offered by competitive small businesses in meeting the government’s needs. SBA will use data in the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) to estimate the volume of purchases under the program which have been captured in the FPDS under Item 23 on the Individual Contract Action Report (SF 279) using code “D.” Code “D” has allowed agencies to identify contracts awarded under the pilot program and will allow us to better examine the impact of the program.

Thank you for participating in this program. Should you have any questions, please contact Karen Maris, Procurement Policy Specialist of OFPP at (202) 395-4955 or Theresa Lewis, Procurement Analyst of SBA at (202) 619-1624. We look forward to working with your agency to achieve what we hope will be a success for both small businesses and the government.

Encl (1)
AMENDMENT OF CLASS DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
WAIVER OF SYNOPSIS REQUIREMENTS

Class Determination and Findings Waiver of Synopsis Requirements dated February 4, 2000, approved by Paul A. Schneider, is hereby amended by deleting, “This waiver expires on September 30, 2004,” and substituting in lieu thereof, “This waiver will remain in effect for the duration of the synopsis waiver pilot program established by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy and the Small Business Administration, or until rescinded, whichever occurs first.” It is further amended by deleting, “SBA’s PRO-Net,” and replacing it with, “The Dynamic Small Business Search on the Central Contractor Registration site.”

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11/22/2004
Date