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SUBJECT: Class Deviation – Extension of Authority for Use of Simplified Acquisition Procedures for Certain Commercial Items

The attached December 30, 2009 memorandum from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) authorizes a deviation from Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 13.5, Test Program for Certain Commercial Items. This deviation extends the authority to issue solicitations under the subpart to January 1, 2012, as authorized by Section 816 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010. The deviation is effective until incorporated into the FAR, unless otherwise rescinded.

Please address inquiries regarding this memorandum to Evelyn Ortiz who can be reached at (703) 614-9640 or via email at evelyn.ortiz@navy.mil.

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Effective immediately, contracting officers shall use the attached deviation from Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 13.5, Test Program for Certain Commercial Items.

Currently FAR 13.500(d) indicates that the authority to issue solicitations under subpart 13.5 expires on January 1, 2010. However, section 816 of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010 extends that authority to January 1, 2012.

This deviation is effective until it is incorporated in the FAR or is otherwise rescinded. My point of contact for this matter is Ms. Cassandra R. Freeman, 703-602-8383 or cassandra.freeman@osd.mil.

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Subpart 13.5—Test Program for Certain Commercial Items

13.500 General.

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(d) The authority to issue solicitations under this subpart expires on January 1, 2019. Contracting officers may award contracts after the expiration of this authority for solicitations issued before the expiration of the authority.

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