MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

Subject: Class Deviation – Past Performance Evaluation Thresholds and Reporting Requirements

The attached class deviation memorandum, dated September 24, 2013, from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP), is provided for your action, as appropriate. Effective immediately, in lieu of the language at FAR 15.304(c)(3)(i) and FAR 42.1502, contracting officers shall comply with the language attached to the DPAP memorandum when collecting and using past performance information.

Past Performance reporting is now mandatory for contracts awarded under FAR subpart 8.7 when the thresholds in the class deviation are exceeded. In addition, the class deviation applies the thresholds to the current reporting requirements for FAR subpart 8.6 and to individual task or delivery orders when past performance evaluations are required for orders by FAR subpart 42.15.

The class deviation addresses the Guidance for CPARS, dated September 2013, which includes revisions to the categorization of “fuels” and “health care.” The thresholds for “fuels” and “health care” have been increased and the business sectors for these two categories have been revised. Guidance for CPARS may be accessed at https://www.cpars.gov/. Contracting officers are encouraged to manually register and complete assessment reports for science and technology contracts and delivery/task orders over $1M under budget accounts 6.1 (basic research), 6.2 (applied research), and 6.3 (advanced technology development). Further details are provided within the memorandum.

This class deviation supersedes Class Deviations 2012-00017 and 2012-00018 and will remain in effect until incorporated in the FAR or DFARS or otherwise rescinded. My point of contact is Molli Thacker at marlene.thacker@navy.mil or 703-693-2936.

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Effective immediately, all contracting officers shall comply with the attached language,
in lieu of FAR 15.304(c)(3)(i) and 42.1502, when collecting and using past performance
information. This class deviation updates the DoD thresholds that identify when contracting
officers must evaluate a contractor’s performance.

The Guidance for CPARS, dated September 2013, includes revisions to the
categorization of “fuels” and “health care.” These two categories previously were listed
separately in Table 1 of the Guidance. The threshold for “fuels” has been raised to $5,000,000
and is included under the “operations support” business sector. The threshold for “health care”
has been raised to “$1,000,000, and is included under the “services” business sector.

This class deviation requires past performance reporting for contracts awarded under
FAR subpart 8.7, Acquisition from Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who are Blind or
Severely Handicapped, when the thresholds in this class deviation are exceeded, and it applies
these thresholds to reporting requirements for FAR subpart 8.6, Acquisition from Federal Prison
Industries, Inc. The thresholds in this class deviation also apply to reporting requirements for
individual task or delivery orders, when past performance evaluations are required for orders by
FAR subpart 42.15.

Contracting officers are encouraged to manually register and complete assessment reports
on science and technology contracts and delivery/task orders under budget accounts 6.1 (basic
research), 6.2 (applied research), and 6.3 (advanced technology development) over $1,000,000,
consistent with the threshold for services, although the completion of past performance evaluations is not mandatory for these types of contracts.

This class deviation supersedes Class Deviations 2012-00017 and 2012-00018. This class deviation is effective upon signature, and remains in effect until incorporated in the FAR or DFARS or otherwise rescinded. My point of contact is Sandra Ross, who may be reached at 703-695-9774, or sandra.k.ross28.civ@mail.mil.

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Revised past performance thresholds to be used in lieu of the thresholds at FAR 15.304(c)(3)(i) and 42.1502(b):

215.304 Evaluation factors and significant subfactors (DEVIATION).

(c)(3)(i) In lieu of the threshold specified at FAR 15.304(c)(3)(i), except as provided at FAR 15.304(c)(3)(iii), evaluate past performance in source selections for negotiated competitive acquisitions as follows:

(A) For systems and operations support acquisitions expected to exceed $5,000,000;
(B) For services and information technology acquisitions expected to exceed $1,000,000; and
(C) For ship repair and overhaul acquisitions expected to exceed $500,000.

242.1502 Policy (DEVIATION).

In lieu of the threshold specified at FAR 42.1502(b), 42.1502(c), and 42.1502(d), except as provided at FAR 42.1502(e), (f), and (h), prepare an evaluation of contractor performance as follows:

(i) For systems and operations support contracts that exceed $5,000,000;
(ii) For services and information technology contracts that exceed $1,000,000; and
(iii) For ship repair and overhaul contracts that exceed $500,000.

NOTE: The Governmentwide CPARS guidance lists various business sectors. DoD includes health care under the services business sector and includes fuels under the operations support business sector.