MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

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

The attached Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) memorandum of December 24, 2014 is forwarded for your information and action, as appropriate. The Class Deviation implements section 815 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) of Fiscal Year 2015. DPAP has advised that 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, 2015. However, section 815 of the NDAA makes the authority permanent.

This class deviation will remain in effect until it is incorporated in the FAR or is otherwise rescinded. Further details are provided within the memorandum. My point of contact is 703-614-9641.

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Richard Ginman
Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy

Attachment:
As stated
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, 2016. Contracting officers may award contracts after the expiration of this authority for solicitations issued before the expiration of the authority.

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