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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Contracting Officer's Representative for Other Than Firm-Fixed-Price Contracts

A recent change to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) [FAR Case 2008-030] requires that a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) be designated for all contract actions other than firm-fixed-price actions and for firm-fixed-price actions when the contracting officer determines a need for a COR. This case implements Section 864 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 and aligns with the President's goal to reduce high-risk contracting as noted in the President's March 4, 2009, memorandum "Government Contracting."

It is Department of Defense (DoD) policy that properly trained CORs must be designated prior to contract award. Within the DoD, the minimum COR competencies, experience, and training are based on the nature and complexity of the requirement and contract performance risk are addressed in the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics memorandum of March 29, 2010. CORs for other than firm-fixed-price actions are required to complete Defense Acquisition University CLC222 Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) course. Current and potential Department of the Navy CORs-from within and outside of the acquisition community- may register on-line through "eDACM." DoD acquisition workforce personnel will receive 32 continuous learning points upon completion of the course.

Addressees are encouraged to work with their contracting offices to identify CORs in advance of contract award. Please ensure the widest practicable dissemination of this information. Address questions or comments to Bob Johnson at 703-693-2936 or Robert.F.Johnson@navy.mil.

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