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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Commercial Items Test Program Reporting

The attached memorandum from the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) dated June 18, 2009 notifies us that the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) now includes a reporting field to accurately code procurements using the authority implemented by Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 13.5, Test Program for Certain Commercial Items. This reporting field will facilitate the collection of accurate information on FAR Part 13.5 acquisitions for congressional reporting requirements.

Therefore, please disseminate this information to your contracting personnel for immediate implementation. To the extent practicable, encourage your contracting personnel to correct previously reported information on active contracts awarded pursuant to FAR Part 13.5.

Address inquiries regarding this memorandum to Evelyn Ortiz who can be reached at (703) 614-9640 or via email at [evelyn.ortiz@navy.mil](mailto:evelyn.ortiz@navy.mil).

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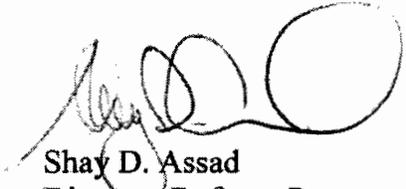
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The Federal Procurement Data Systems (FPDS) has been modified to allow Components to accurately code procurements utilizing the authority implemented in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 13.5, Test Program for Commercial Items. Previously, FPDS did not collect information in a manner that would support the Department's ability to provide summary data on the use of this authority. Prior to the change, FPDS derived a "Yes" answer to the "Commercial Item Test Program" field if certain variables were applicable. However, the specified variables were not correct and DoD submitted a change request to permit the contracting officer to correctly identify whether an acquisition used the Test Program for Certain Commercial Items. Contracting Officers are encouraged to correct information concerning previously awarded contracts that are still active so data is more accurate for congressional reporting.

My staff point of contact for this action is Ms. Linda K. Heartley, 703-693-7062, Linda.Heartley@osd.mil.



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