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SUBJECT: Extension of Class Deviation to GSAM Clause 517.204

Reference is made to the Public Building Service's (PBS) memorandum dated
March 4, 2008, same subject as above. Your March 4, 2008 memorandum
requests GSA Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer (OCAO) extension of
approval of a class deviation that OCAO granted on September 28, 2006.

By memorandum dated September 28, 2006, OCAO granted approval for a class
deviation from General Services Administration Acquisition Manual (GSAM)
clause 517.204 and allowed contract terms up to 10 years, with base and
individual option periods of no longer than 5 years for PBS service contracts for
the operation and maintenance (O&M) of fixed building equipment in GSA-
controlled buildings.

The class deviation was granted for two years from the date of approval, which
meant all awards made under the deviation during the two year timeframe could
permit contract terms for up to a total of 10 years. PBS is requesting approval for
the extension of the class deviation for an additional two years, or until the
authority is included in the GSAM.

PBS is correct in its assumption that O&M contracts for the inspection,
maintenance and repair of fixed building equipment in federally-owned buildings
are being authorized for a total period of ten years. This authority for O&M
contracts to last for a duration of ten years is included in the GSAM text in the
rewrite of GSAM part 517, as part of the GSA GSAM Rewrite Initiative. Based on
this rationale, the previous two-year approval dated September 28, 2006, and
due to expire on September 28, 2008, is extended for an additional year
(September 29, 2009), or until this authority is included in the GSAM, whichever
comes first.

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