



# PPD ALERT



## **UNICOR's Blanket Waiver of Small-Dollar Value Purchases**

This ALERT directs your attention to the Federal Prison Industries (FPI) Board's resolution increasing the blanket waiver threshold for small dollar-value purchases from Federal agencies. The resolution increases the FPI clearance exception threshold from \$25 to \$2,500 and eliminates the condition that delivery is required within 10 days.

Federal agencies may continue to purchase products from FPI that are at or below \$2,500. Agencies would still be required to purchase products on FPI's Schedule from FPI above the \$2,500 threshold unless a clearance is obtained in accordance with FAR 8.605. Federal customers should not subdivide larger acquisitions into \$2,500-or-under orders to qualify for the small dollar-value blanket waiver. Additionally, UNICOR will not grant waiver approvals for purchases exceeding \$2,500 on the basis of requests to "coordinate" items purchased with the small dollar-value blanket waiver.

A copy of the proposed change can be viewed on the UNICOR website at [www.unicor.gov](http://www.unicor.gov) or Federal Register, Vol.68, No. 99, pp. 28094-28095. EFFECTIVE DATE: May 22, 2003.

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