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MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS

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SUBJECT:

Hurricane Katrina Emergency Acquisition Measures

Purpose: This Acquisition Bulletin (AB) provides policy pertaining to Department of Treasury procurements for supplies or services in support of a contingency operation in response to Hurricane Katrina.

Effective Date: This AB is effective immediately.

Expiration Date: This AB will expire when cancelled or superseded.

Background: The Secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security have determined that existing circumstances warrant the exercise of emergency authority in accordance with 41 USC 428a and the emergency procurement authorities authorized by section 1443 of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003 are available.

Action: The following emergency procurement authority is effective immediately for supplies or services purchased in support of a contingency operation in response to Hurricane Katrina:

1. the micro-purchase threshold as defined in FAR 2.101 is \$15,000 for supplies or services that, as determined by the Assistant Secretary for Management (ASM), are to be used to support the contingency operation.
2. the Simplified Acquisition threshold as defined in FAR 2.101 is \$250,000 for acquisitions of supplies or services that, as determined by the ASM, are to be used to support the contingency operation.
3. the requirements in FAR 19.502-1 setting aside acquisitions do not apply to purchases of \$15,000 or less for acquisitions used to support the contingency operation.
4. the threshold application of FAR clause 52.225-1, Buy American Act—Supplies; and FAR clause 52.225-13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases is \$15,000 for acquisitions that, as determined by the ASM, are to be used to support the contingency

operation (see FAR 25.1101 and 1103).

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