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AGAR ADVISORY

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
OFFICE OF PROCUREMENT AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT
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Acquisition Workforce Training, Delegation, and Management System

INTRODUCTION: The purpose of this Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) Advisory is to establish temporary Acquisition Workforce policy and procedures for USDA employees pursuant to—

- The Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting Program (FAC-C) dated January 20, 2006;
- The Federal Acquisition Certification for Program and Project Managers (FAC-P/PM) dated April 25, 2007; and
- The Federal Acquisition Certification for Contracting Officer Technical Representatives (FAC-COTR) dated November 26, 2007.

SUMMARY: The Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) is issuing interim guidance to accelerate the mandatory implementation of the FAC-C, FAC-P/PM, and FAC-COTR programs within USDA. This interim guidance shall supersede guidance provided in Departmental Regulation (DR) 5001-1, *Acquisition Workforce Training, Delegation and Tracking system*, dated September 30, 2003. The attached guidance will be codified in a revised Departmental Regulation 5001-1 at a future date.

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