



POLICY FLASH 2008-64

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TO: Procurement Directors
FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Past Performance Data

SUMMARY: Beginning October 01, 2008, all contractor past performance data shall be submitted through the Department of Defense (DoD) Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) at <http://www.cpars.csd.disa.mil/cparsmain.htm>. Thus, the Department will no longer use the National Institute of Health (NIH) Contractor Performance System (CPS).

To ensure all Contracting Officers understand how to use this new system, Web Cast Training has been scheduled for the following dates and times:

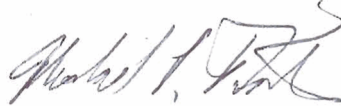
October 8- 1:30-4:30 including construction and A/E training during the last hour
November 6- 1:30-4:30 including construction and A/E training during the last hour

DOE Acquisition Guide Chapter 42.15, "Contractor Past Performance," will be updated to reflect the Department's use of CPARS. This revision will also reflect the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) changes resulting from FAR Cases 2006-022 and 2008-016.

FAR Case 2006-022 will require past **performance** assessments for orders exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold placed against Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) contracts, task orders or delivery orders against contracts awarded by other Federal agencies (i.e. government-wide acquisition contracts or multi-agency contracts), and orders under single agency contracts. The responsible party preparing the assessment shall also be identified.

FAR Case 2008-016 will require COs to begin including other contractor information concerning contractor cure notices, demand letters for defective cost or pricing, terminations for default actions, and amendments. The revision to Chapter 42.15 will be issued after issuance of the Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) implementing these changes to the FAR.

Questions concerning system training opportunities, test site, focal point lead responsibilities, registration and help desk support should be directed to **Mara Grissom** at Mara.Grissom@hq.doe.gov . Questions concerning this policy flash and acquisition regulatory requirements for past performance information reporting should be directed to Sandra Cover at 202-287-1344 or Sandra.Cover@hq.doe.gov .



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