



ACQUISITION LETTER

This Acquisition Letter is issued under the authority of the Procurement Executives of DOE and NNSA

Subject: CLASS DEVIATION TO REFLECT CHANGES TO THE COOPERATIVE AUDIT STRATEGY

References:

DEAR 970.5203-1 Management Controls
DEAR 970.5232-3 Accounts, Records, and Inspection
DOE Acquisition Guide Chapter 70.4 Cooperative Audit Strategy

When is this Acquisition Letter (AL) Effective?

This AL is effective upon issuance. The use of the clauses authorized by the attached class deviation shall be used in all solicitations and contracts in place of the parallel clauses currently contained in the DEAR.

When Does This AL Expire?

This AL remains in effect until superseded by the publication of a final rule incorporating the clauses that are the subject of the class deviation into the DEAR.

Who is the Point of Contact?

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What is the Purpose of this Acquisition Letter?

The purpose of this Acquisition Letter (AL) is to provide a class deviation that incorporates changes that support DOE's Cooperative Audit Strategy into the Management Controls clause at 970.5203-1 and the Accounts, Records, and Inspection clause at 970.5232-3.

What is the Background?

The DOE Inspector General (IG), in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), and the Office of Procurement and Assistance Management (OPAM), and the Contractor Internal Audit Council, developed and implemented the Cooperative Audit Strategy in October 1992 to maximize the overall audit coverage at management and operating contractors and fulfill its responsibility for auditing the costs incurred by DOE's major facilities contractors. The Cooperative Audit Strategy enhances DOE's efficient use of available audit resources by allowing the IG to rely on the work of Contractor internal audit activities. The success of the Cooperative Audit Strategy depends on the IG and Contractor Internal Auditors working closely with the CFO, DOE's and NNSA's OPAM, Departmental Contracting Officers, and related Departmental program functions.

The class deviation transmitted by this Acquisition Letter modifies the Management Controls clause at DEAR 970.5203-1 and Accounts, Records, and Inspection clause at DEAR 970.5231-3 to enhance contract coverage of the Cooperative Audit Strategy. The revised versions of the two clauses are attached to the deviation determination.

Contracting Officers shall incorporate the two modified clauses into solicitations for management and operating contracts and awards. Additionally, Contracting Officers shall attempt to negotiate these clauses in existing M&O contracts at the next annual negotiation.

Attachment:

Class Deviation to Reflect Changes to the Cooperative Audit Strategy