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TO: Procurement Directors

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

SUBJECT: **Data Collection Requirements for the Federal Funding Accounting and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006**

SUMMARY: This Flash is issued to keep you apprised of intergovernmental activity taking place to implement the FFATA. This Act, Public Law 109-286, enacted September 26, 2006, requires by January 2008 the establishment of a searchable website for information on all Federal funding. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is chairing an interagency taskforce to implement FFATA of which DOE is a member. Two of the first actions the taskforce has undertaken have been (1) defining the data elements required by the Act; and (2) the technology solution that will provide this data to the website. The attached memo from the OMB Deputy Director for Management addresses item 1. The technology solution that is being recommended by the taskforce is called "Federal Search," which web search engines such as Google already use.

The Office of Procurement and Assistance Management is a member of the OMB working group and has been following these developments and reviewing DOE processes and systems. For contracts, the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) will provide the data elements to the website. For grants, cooperative agreements, other transactions and loan guarantees, DOE's Procurement and Assistance Data System (PADS) and/or PADSONLINE will be used. At most, one or two additional elements may need to be added to FPDS and/or PADS in supporting the new website.

This Flash will be available online within a day, at the following website:
http://www.management.energy.gov/policy_guidance/policy_flashes.htm.

Questions concerning this policy flash should be directed to Jackie Kniskern at
202-287-1342 or jacqueline.kniskern@hq.doe.gov.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. Fischetti". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent flourish at the end.

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Attachment