IAS ALERT

Recommendation for the Processing of Continuing Resolutions

Purpose

The alert provides a recommendation to IAS users for processing continuing resolution authority (CRA) funding requests and obligations.

Policy

IAS supports the use of commitment accounting standards. In the case where funds are not yet available (i.e., the agency is operating under a CRA), requisitions must be submitted using the IQ-NOCOMMIT code. When funds become available, the user should modify the IQ-NOCOMMIT to an IQ-COMMIT if all funding is available or create a new IQ-COMMIT if only partial funding exists.

Subsequent continuing resolution amounts can be processed by amending the IQ-COMMIT requisition. This will facilitate receipting as well as contract modifications.

If a new requisition is used each time funding becomes available, the purchase order or contract will need to reflect individual line items for each requisition. Receipting may be difficult and confusing. As a result, it is highly recommended that IAS users follow procedures outlined in this Alert.

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