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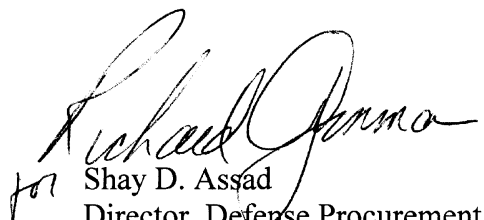
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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
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SUBJECT: Class Deviation – Designation of Contracting Officer’s Representatives

Effective immediately, contracting officers shall use the attached text in lieu of DFARS 201.602-2(2)(i). This substitution clarifies that a contracting officer’s representative (COR) must be an employee, military or civilian, of the U.S. Government, a foreign government, or NATO/Coalition partners, and clarifies that contractor personnel may not serve as CORs.

This class deviation remains in effect until incorporated into the DFARS or until rescinded. My point of contact, Manuel Quinones, may be reached at 703-602-8383, or [manuel.quinones@osd.mil](mailto:manuel.quinones@osd.mil).

  
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Attachment:  
As stated

**201.602 Contracting officers.**

**201.602-2 Responsibilities.**

(1) Follow the procedures at PGI 201.602-2 regarding designation, assignment, and responsibilities of a contracting officer's representative (COR).

(2) A COR—

**[(i) Must be an employee, military or civilian, of the U.S. Government, a foreign government, or NATO/Coalition partners. In no case shall contractor personnel serve as CORs.];**

(ii) Must be qualified by training and experience commensurate with the responsibilities to be delegated in accordance with department/agency guidelines;

(iii) May not be delegated responsibility to perform functions at a contractor's location that have been delegated under FAR 42.202(a) to a contract administration office;

(iv) Has no authority to make any commitments or changes that affect price, quality, quantity, delivery, or other terms and conditions of the contract; and

(v) Must be designated in writing, and a copy furnished the contractor and the contract administration office—

(A) Specifying the extent of the COR's authority to act on behalf of the contracting officer;

(B) Identifying the limitations on the COR's authority;

(C) Specifying the period covered by the designation;

(D) Stating the authority is not redelegable; and

(E) Stating that the COR may be personally liable for unauthorized acts.