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MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS

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SUBJECT: Cancellation of AB 07-04 – Common Security Configurations

Purpose: This Acquisition Procedures Update (APU) documents the incorporation of the policy in Acquisition Bulletin No. AB 07-04 dated June 1, 2007 – “Common Security Configurations” into the DTAP and cancellation of the stand-alone AB 07-04.

Effective Date: This DTAP change is effective immediately.

Background: This APU is part of OPE’s ongoing efforts to streamline the list of Acquisition Bulletins that are published on the newly migrated Procurement Policy Page of the www.treasury.gov website. The contents of AB 07-04 have been migrated to the section in the DTAP entitled “Part 1039—Acquisition of Information Technology, Subpart 1039.101-70 Common Security Configurations”.

OPE will continue to either incorporate the remaining stand-alone ABs into the DTAP or cancel them in their entirety. Meanwhile, active ABs have provisions that are still in effect notwithstanding their longevity and the passage of time from date of issuance.

DTAP Change: Accordingly, the DTAP is changed by inserting the contents of the cancelled stand-alone AB No. 07-04 – “Common Security Configurations” as follows:

“1039.101-70 Common Security Configurations

(a) On March 22, 2007, OMB issued memorandum M-07-11, “Implementation of Commonly Accepted Security Configurations for Windows Operating Systems,” which directed federal agencies to adopt the security configurations for Windows XP and Vista operating systems developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the Department of Defense (DoD) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Full implementation requires newly acquired information technology products or services to operate effectively using these security configurations, when an agency chooses to use Windows XP or Vista operating systems.

(b) Bureau Chief Procurement Officers shall ensure that all new acquisitions that 1) include Windows XP or Vista or 2) will use either of those operating systems, include the following requirements:

(1) The provider of information technology shall certify applications are fully functional and operate correctly as intended on systems using the Federal Desktop Core Configuration (FDCC). This includes Internet Explorer 7 configured to operate on Windows XP and Vista (in Protected Mode on Vista). For the Windows XP settings, see: http://csrc.nist.gov/itsec/guidance_WinXP.html, and for the Windows Vista settings, see: http://csrc.nist.gov/itsec/guidance_vista.html.

(2) The standard installation, operation, maintenance, update, and/or patching of software shall not alter the configuration settings from the approved FDCC configuration. The information technology should also use the Windows Installer Service for installation to the default "program files" directory and should be able to silently install and uninstall.

(3) Applications designed for normal end users shall run in the standard user context without elevated system administration privileges."

Cost/Benefit: This change is expected to increase the usefulness of Treasury policy to end users by reducing the number of policy documents that need to be reviewed and followed during the procurement process. It should slightly reduce the amount of time spent by contracting staff to perform their work by reducing the number of policies in effect.

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