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MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS

FROM:

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SUBJECT: Cancellation of AB 02-10 – Implementation of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 1998 Amendments

Purpose: This Acquisition Procedures Update (APU) documents the cancellation of Acquisition Bulletin No. AB 02-10 dated June 14, 2002 – "Implementation of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, 1998 Amendments" because the policy requirements of this cancelled AB have been fully incorporated into the FAR.

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 <u>Procurement Policy Page</u> of the <u>www.treasury.gov</u> website. The contents of AB 02-10, which restates the policy contained in the Workplace Investment Act of 1998 establishing IT accessibility standards for the federal government, have been codified and incorporated by reference into FAR Part 39 "Acquisition of Information Technology", Subpart 39.2 – Electronic and Information Technology which implements Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board Electronic and Information Technology (EIT) Accessibility Standards. Bureaus that have developed procedures for complying with Section 508 requirements are expected to continue using them.

OPE will continue to either incorporate the remaining policy contained in ABs into the DTAP or cancel them in their entirety.

DTAP Change: There is no change in the DTAP.

<u>Cost/Benefit</u>: 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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