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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT'S MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

FROM: Clay Johnson
Deputy Director for Management

SUBJECT: Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (Pub. L. No. 109-282)
Implementation

This memorandum establishes an interagency task force to ensure effective implementation of the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (the Act). I have asked OMB Associate Director for Management Robert Shea to lead the task force.

The first meeting of the task force will take place on Thursday, November 16, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. in Room 248 of the Old Executive Office Building. Please appoint a senior level official from your agency that can contribute to the development of the website required by the Act as well as ensure your agency's awareness and compliance with any new requirements endorsed by the task force. Provide my Special Assistant, David Copley by phone (202-395-3841 or dcopley@omb.eop.gov) the name, date of birth, and social security number of the individual who will participate on the task force for clearance into the White House complex.

BACKGROUND

The Act requires OMB to ensure the existence and operation of a website that provides the public with easy access to information about federal expenditures. It does not include payments to individuals. The data elements required in the bill for each transaction include:

- 1) the amount;
- 2) information including transaction type, funding agency, the North American Industry Classification System code or Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number (where applicable), program source, and an award title descriptive of the purpose of each funding action;
- 3) the name and location of the recipient and the primary location of performance; and
- 4) a unique identifier for the recipient and any parent entity.

Note the law requires that this website provide information for expenditures made in Fiscal Year 2007 and beyond. Please ensure that you have such data readily available for reporting in a form that can be made accessible in the near future. As necessary and in accordance with OMB Memorandum 06-02 of December 16, 2005 ("Improving Public Access to and Dissemination of Government Information and Using the Federal Enterprise Architecture Data Reference Model"), agencies should already be organizing and categorizing information intended for public access. Doing so will ensure it is searchable for any solution proposed. Agencies should

already be in the process of completing the necessary changes and/or modifications to make their information accessible. (See <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/memorandua/fy2006/m06-02.pdf>.)

STATUTORY DUE DATES

The Act sets the following due dates:

July 1, 2007: OMB required to commence a pilot program to test the collection and accession of data about subgrants and subcontracts, and determine how to implement a subaward reporting program across the Federal government.

January 1, 2008: OMB will ensure the existence of a single searchable website accessible to the public that will provide the previously mentioned data about each federal award.

Oct 1, 2008: Requires information about credit card transactions, although only for amounts larger than \$25,000.

January 1, 2009: The Act requires the website to include data from subcontractors or subgrantees.

DUTIES OF THE TASK FORCE

The task force will:

- Develop a comprehensive implementation plan for the Act;
- Find the best way to ensure timely and accurate information about the different types of assistance and awards are available on the website as required by the Act; and
- Design, build, and launch the website required by the Act.