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Dear Ms. Grady,

I, Yvonne Howerton, Head of Contracting Activity Designee, Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services, Acquisition Management Division, certify in accordance with the requirements of Section 801 of the Fiscal Year 2008 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), that acquisitions conducted on behalf of the Department of Defense by this contracting office in Fiscal Year 2017, will comply with defense procurement requirements for Fiscal Year 2017.

Please contact me directly with any questions by telephone at 202-690-5401, or by email to [Yvonne.Howerton@wdc.usda.gov](mailto:Yvonne.Howerton@wdc.usda.gov).

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Yvonne Howerton", written over a horizontal line.

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