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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: Class Deviation—Past Performance Evaluation Thresholds and Reporting Requirements

Effective immediately, all contracting officers shall comply with the attached language, in lieu of FAR 15.304(c)(3)(i) and 42.1502, when collecting and using past performance information. This class deviation updates the DoD thresholds that identify when contracting officers must evaluate a contractor's performance.

The Guidance for CPARS, dated September 2013, includes revisions to the categorization of "fuels" and "health care." These two categories previously were listed separately in Table 1 of the Guidance. The threshold for "fuels" has been raised to \$5,000,000 and is included under the "operations support" business sector. The threshold for "health care" has been raised to "\$1,000,000, and is included under the "services" business sector.

This class deviation requires past performance reporting for contracts awarded under FAR subpart 8.7, Acquisition from Nonprofit Agencies Employing People Who are Blind or Severely Handicapped, when the thresholds in this class deviation are exceeded, and it applies these thresholds to reporting requirements for FAR subpart 8.6, Acquisition from Federal Prison Industries, Inc. The thresholds in this class deviation also apply to reporting requirements for individual task or delivery orders, when past performance evaluations are required for orders by FAR subpart 42.15.

Contracting officers are encouraged to manually register and complete assessment reports on science and technology contracts and delivery/task orders under budget accounts 6.1 (basic research), 6.2 (applied research), and 6.3 (advanced technology development) over \$1,000,000,

consistent with the threshold for services, although the completion of past performance evaluations is not mandatory for these types of contracts.

This class deviation supersedes Class Deviations 2012-O0017 and 2012-O0018. This class deviation is effective upon signature, and remains in effect until incorporated in the FAR or DFARS or otherwise rescinded. My point of contact is Sandra Ross, who may be reached at 703-695-9774, or <a href="mailto:sandra.k.ross28.civ@mail.mil">sandra.k.ross28.civ@mail.mil</a>.

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Attachment: As stated

Revised past performance thresholds to be used in lieu of the thresholds at FAR 15.304(c)(3)(i) and 42.1502(b):

## 215.304 Evaluation factors and significant subfactors (DEVIATION).

- (c)(3)(i) In lieu of the threshold specified at FAR 15.304(c)(3)(i), except as provided at FAR 15.304(c)(3)(iii), evaluate past performance in source selections for negotiated competitive acquisitions as follows:
- (A) For systems and operations support acquisitions expected to exceed \$5,000,000;
- (B) For services and information technology acquisitions expected to exceed \$1,000,000; and
- (C) For ship repair and overhaul acquisitions expected to exceed \$500,000.

## 242.1502 Policy (DEVIATION).

In lieu of the threshold specified at FAR 42.1502(b), 42.1502(c), and 42.1502(d), except as provided at FAR 42.1502(e), (f), and (h), prepare an evaluation of contractor performance as follows:

- (i) For systems and operations support contracts that exceed \$5,000,000;
- (ii) For services and information technology contracts that exceed \$1,000,000; and
- (iii) For ship repair and overhaul contracts that exceed \$500,000.

NOTE: The Governmentwide CPARS guidance lists various business sectors. DoD includes health care under the services business sector and includes fuels under the operations support business sector.