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ACQUISITION ALERT 06-01

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STANDARD PROVISION FOR INCIDENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACQUISITIONS

Background: NOAA is engaged in supporting the Disaster Management E-Gov initiative. All of NOAA's activities related to Disaster Management are conducted through the Hazcollect and NOAA Weather Radio programs. One of our milestones in this effort is to establish a process within NOAA to ensure acquisitions and activities related to incident/emergency management are coordinated with Disaster Management. The Program Manager for Disaster Management at the Department of Homeland Security has provided us with guidance on how to achieve this milestone. He has requested that we include the following requirement in all future acquisitions related to incident/emergency management: "Any Purchase of incident management software or services shall include the requirement that it comply with the most current version of the OASIS Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) standard."

The NOAA program manager responsible for coordination with the Disaster Management initiative is aware of this requirement and will include it in future statements of work.

AGO Action: The following provision shall be included in all incident/emergency management solicitations, and resultant contracts:

"INCIDENT/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

All incident management software or services shall comply with the most current version of the OASIS Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) standard."

Effective Date: This provision shall be included in all incident/emergency management solicitations, and resultant contracts, issued on or after October 27, 2005. Earlier implementation is encouraged.

This Alert shall remain in effect until this direction is included in the NOAA Acquisition Handbook.