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SUBJECT: Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS), Version 1.4 Certification and
Deployment Requirements

The General Services Administration (GSA) plans to implement version 1.4 (v1.4) of the FPDS application mid-March, 2010. The exact date will be provided to your FPDS leads upon completion of testing activities. The Department's goal is to be completely transitioned to v1.4 prior to October 1, 2010, so we may begin Fiscal Year 2011 (FY11) data collection consistently across DoD. GSA has not yet set a firm retirement date for v1.3, however it is anticipated to be prior to December 31, 2010. I want to thank the organizations that have already participated in testing, and request that all Components ensure that each of their interfacing systems participate in upcoming beta testing activities. Details of the upgrade including release notes, XML specifications, testing schedules, and certification documentation requirements are available at the FPDS Project website (www.fpdsg.com). Primary enhancements of v1.4 for DoD are:

1. Collection of award data for Other Transactions for Prototypes in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act of 2008.
2. Collection of Recovery Act-related Treasury Account Symbols (TAS') as discrete data elements.
3. The use of the Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA), BPA Call, and Basic Ordering Agreement formats available in FPDS to allow for the correct collection of associated data.

The collection of #1 and #2 above are required to begin as soon as FPDS version 1.4 is released by GSA, and may be accomplished using FPDS web entry method. Please note that, due to the low relative volume of actions, the Standard Procurement System

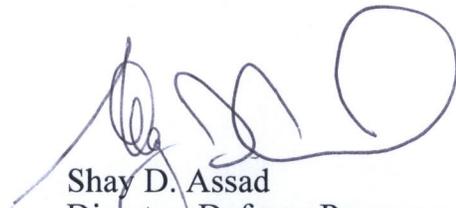
(SPS) is not planned to be updated to include reporting of Other Transactions for Prototypes capability in its initial implementation of v1.4. SPS users needing to report Other Transactions for Prototypes should plan to use the FPDS web entry method for the foreseeable future for these actions.

For #3 above, please be aware that delaying an office's upgrade to v1.4 will result in users being required to accomplish some reporting for BPAs, BPA Calls, BOAs and orders against BOAs in a manual mode using the FPDS web entry method. As of the FPDS version 1.4 release, any new BPAs and BOAs must be reported manually until the contracting office has upgraded its contract writing system to v1.4. Calls and orders against BPAs or BOAs, where the BPA/BOA was reported using v1.4, must also be reported manually until the contracting office has upgraded its contract writing system to v1.4.

As with other versions of FPDS, certification by agency systems reporting data to FPDS via either the GUI/Business Services Combination or Business Services Only interfacing methods is required to be accomplished with GSA prior to the start of reporting using v1.4. In order to ensure expedited implementation of v1.4 within DoD, I request each of the Components provide their contract writing systems' schedules for v1.4 certification with GSA and their subsequent deployment schedules for their offices by completing and returning the v1.4 tracking spreadsheet (available at www.acquisition.mil/dpap under the eBusiness FPDS tab) by March 12, 2010. For offices using SPS, please note that the Business Transformation Agency (BTA) estimates that upgrade patches for the FPDS Engine will be available for SPS service releases 10 and 10a early in the fourth quarter of FY10.

Be advised that the DoD Policies, Guidance and Instructions (PGI), as well as the Department's instructions for Recovery Act reporting, will be updated to incorporate the v1.4 changes by March 31, 2010. Updates to the Department's guide for Other Transactions for Prototypes for v1.4 will be accomplished in accordance with other planned updates to the guide.

Thank you for your continued focus on contract reporting and improving the data therein. Any questions may be directed to Lisa Romney, lisa.romney@osd.mil, 703-602-8007, my action officer for FPDS. Please return the completed spreadsheet addressed above to her.



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