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Mr. David Drabkin
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Dear Mr. Drabkin:

DoD issued an interim rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to establish requirements for contractors to furnish unique item identifiers, or other item identification, and to provide the Government's acquisition cost of items that are delivered to DoD. Inclusion of the implementing clause at DFARS 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, is mandatory in all DoD solicitations issued on or after January 1, 2004, that will require delivery of an "item" or "items." Purchases initiated by DoD and executed through General Services Administration (GSA) or another Federal agency shall comply with the UID policy (enclosed).

This rule will facilitate DoD compliance with the Chief Financial Officers Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-576) and the financial reporting requirements imposed by the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board. Another objective of the rule is to improve management of DoD assets.

We believe inclusion of the clause in delivery orders under Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) contracts is consistent with the provision at 552.211-73, marking, that is currently in FSS contracts allowing ordering activities to specify marking requirements in delivery orders. We are requesting that GSA review the interim rule and comment on whether prescribing the clause at DFARS 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, for inclusion in delivery orders under FSS contracts is consistent with the terms and conditions of those contracts or whether a modification to FSS contracts will be required.

My point of contact for this is Mr. Steven Cohen. He may be reached on (703) 602-0293 or via e-mail at steven.cohen@osd.mil. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure:
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