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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: Awardee Search in FAPIIS and EPLS

Subpart 9.104-6 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) states prior to awarding a contract in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, contracting officers shall consider all information in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) when making a responsibility determination.

The government FAPIIS site provides certain information that is found in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) and the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS). The search conducted in FAPIIS is through use of a DUNS, CAGE code, or name. The EPLS has information on individuals that are suspended, proposed for debarment, or debarred that is not available on the FAPIIS site.

Therefore, contracting officers must examine the data in the EPLS in addition to using the information in FAPIIS to determine a prospective awardee's responsibility when considering an individual or entity for award. A recent review of the suspension and debarment process by the Inspector General's office found that awards were made to entities listed in the EPLS. Pursuant to FAR 9.405(d)(4) "Immediately prior to award, the contracting officer shall again review the EPLS to ensure that no award is made to a listed contractor."

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