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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: Commercial Items Test Program Reporting

The Federal Procurement Data Systems (FPDS) has been modified to allow Components to accurately code procurements utilizing the authority implemented in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 13.5, Test Program for Commercial Items. Previously, FPDS did not collect information in a manner that would support the Department's ability to provide summary data on the use of this authority. Prior to the change, FPDS derived a "Yes" answer to the "Commercial Item Test Program" field if certain variables were applicable. However, the specified variables were not correct and DoD submitted a change request to permit the contracting officer to correctly identify whether an acquisition used the Test Program for Certain Commercial Items. Contracting Officers are encouraged to correct information concerning previously awarded contracts that are still active so data is more accurate for congressional reporting.

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