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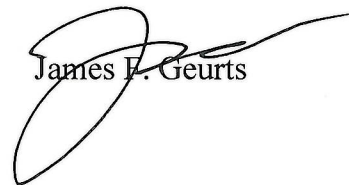
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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Use of Coronavirus (COVID-19) Language Within DON Contracts

With the current National Emergency related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), I recognize that contracting officers are seeking ways to respond to Industry's questions with respect to the impacts of COVID-19. The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Clauses 52.249-14 Excusable Delays, 52.249-8 Default (Fixed-Price Supply and Service), 52.249-9 Default (Fixed-Price Research and Development), 52.213-4 Terms and Conditions-Simplified Acquisitions (Other Than Commercial Items), and 52.212-4 Contract Terms and Conditions-Commercial Items, address any circumstance that should arise as a result of COVID-19. These clauses shall be the conduit through which any adjustments to a contract should be measured. Therefore, contracting officers are not currently authorized to craft or include any special clauses or terms to address the COVID-19 situation.

The situation remains fluid and if and when necessary, further guidance will be disseminated. My point of contact for this is Ms. Denise Randolph who can be reached via [Policy@navy.mil](mailto:Policy@navy.mil).

  
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