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SUBJECT: Update on DoD Transition to Federal Procurement Data System – Next
Generation (FPDS-NG)

As the Department of Defense nears completion of the transition to its use of the
Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG), I want to extend my
thanks to all of you who have worked so hard to support this challenging transition. All of
DoD's FY97-FY06 DD350 data is now loaded in FPDS-NG along with data that was
submitted directly by DoD to FPDS-NG during FY05 and FY06. Since the Department is
now relying primarily on FPDS-NG for its contract reporting, I wanted to provide you with a
reminder on a few important topics.

First, the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Subpart 4.6 requires reporting of
contracting actions by each executive agency to the publicly accessible file in FPDS-NG.
Reporting such contract actions is not optional. All DoD organizations that are awarding
contract actions that meet the criteria set forth in the FAR are required to report. This
includes modifications (regardless of dollar value including $0 modifications) to contract
actions previously reported to FPDS-NG. Reporting administrative modifications is
especially important when information on the contract action report itself changes due to the
modification (for example, when a novation agreement changes the name of the contractor).
Unless the modification is reported, erroneous data will be carried forward into future
modification or order contract action reports without the ability to edit it.
Reporting classified contract actions to FPDS-NG is not required as long as your Service or Agency maintains the ability within your organization to access data regarding those actions in a timely manner if necessary. However, should you choose to report classified actions to FPDS-NG, please consistently use the appropriate generic Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database to represent the awarded contractor.

Finally, please be aware that FPDS-NG is configured in such a way that standard and ad hoc information reports, as well as data extracts, being executed by non-authorized DoD users are subject to a 90-day delay in order to address potential DoD operational tempo issues. In other words, non-DoD users will not see DoD data reported to FPDS-NG within 90-days of execution of the information request. However, approved DoD personnel using the ad hoc report functions will receive up-to-date information from FPDS-NG (i.e., no 90-day delay). In addition, work is underway so approved DoD personnel using standard report functions will also receive up-to-date information. The FPDS-NG managing partner, General Services Administration (GSA) reports that this change to the standard reports will be available to the DoD community in February, 2007.

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