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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
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DIRECTORS OF THE DEFENSE AGENCIES  
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SUBJECT: Class Deviation—Extension of Authority for Use of Simplified Acquisition  
Procedures for Certain Commercial Items

Effective immediately, contracting officers shall use the attached deviation from Federal  
Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 13.5, Test Program for Certain Commercial Items.

Currently, FAR 13.500(d) indicates that the authority to issue solicitations under subpart  
13.5 expired on January 1, 2012. However, section 822 of the National Defense Authorization  
Act of Fiscal Year 2013 extends that authority to January 1, 2015.

This class deviation is effective until it is incorporated in the FAR or is otherwise  
rescinded. My point of contact is Ms. Heather Kitchens, who may be reached at 571-372-6097,  
or [heather.kitchens@osd.mil](mailto:heather.kitchens@osd.mil).

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Attachment:  
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**Subpart 13.5—Test Program for Certain Commercial Items**

**13.500 General.**

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(d) The authority to issue solicitations under this subpart expires on January 1, 2012[5]. Contracting officers may award contracts after the expiration of this authority for solicitations issued before the expiration of the authority.

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