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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES CYBER  
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COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS  
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COMMANDER, UNITED STATES TRANSPORTATION  
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DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY  
(PROCUREMENT)  
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(PROCUREMENT)  
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(CONTRACTING)  
DEFENSE AGENCY AND DOD FIELD ACTIVITY DIRECTORS

SUBJECT: Data Reporting of Federal Awards when the Place of Performance is Afghanistan

The Department of Defense (DoD) is taking steps to safeguard identifying information of Afghanistan partners supporting the United States government through Federal awards. Effective immediately, this memo instructs Contracting Officers awarding contracts to vendors with a place of performance in Afghanistan or to vendors located in Afghanistan, to report those actions to the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) using one of the generic entity identifiers found in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement Procedures, Guidance, and Information 204.606(6) in order to protect vendors and DoD mission, as FPDS is a publicly available system. In accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) subpart 4.605(c)(iii), authorized generic entity identifiers may be used to report contracts in lieu of the contractor's actual unique entity identifier when specific public identification of the party could endanger the mission, contractor, or recipients of the acquired goods or services. However, the generic entity identifiers should only be used for reporting and never on the contract instrument itself.

Additionally, for award notices published in the System for Award Management (SAM) in accordance with FAR subpart 5.3 requirements, use one of the established generic entity identifiers to reference any awardee if that awardee is actually located in Afghanistan. Note that pre-award notices may indicate the place of performance is Afghanistan when the vendor is not named.

As a reminder, before posting a contract opportunity notice to SAM, ensure any attachments are cleared for public release in accordance with the authority in DoD Directive 5205.02, DoD Operations Security. Thoroughly review documentation to ensure controlled unclassified information and attachments are not posted on SAM that our adversaries could use to endanger the DoD mission or our industry partners.

Please refer any questions to my point of contact for data reporting, Ms. Jessica Williams, who can be reached at [jessica.m.williams126.civ@mail.mil](mailto:jessica.m.williams126.civ@mail.mil).

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