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SUBJECT: Release of Procurement Data Standard Version 2.5

This memorandum is to notify you that Procurement Data Standard (PDS) Version 2.5 has been published and is now available on the Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy website at http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/eb/procurement_data_standard.html. PDS provides the required data structure for distributing contract actions in accordance with Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation (DFARS) 204.201.

PDS Version 2.5 provides three major and several minor enhancements. The major enhancements are incorporation of the ability to transmit solicitations, revisions to procurement instrument identification and line item numbering portions to accommodate use of the PDS by non-DoD agencies, and inclusion of data elements needed for telecommunications contracting. The other enhancements include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Revisions to the units of measure available for use in line item quantities to eliminate non-deliverable units (e.g. Amperes), and to add units of measure needed to fully conform to Defense Logistics Management Standards;
- Clarification of treatment of not separately priced items and unpriced contract actions;
- Clarification of use of share ratios for incentive and cost sharing contracts, and expansion to enable multiple share ratios;
- Recognition of “As Required” as a type of delivery schedule for line items other than data line items carried on DD 1423, Contract Data Requirements List;
- Updates to business types to conform to current coverage in FAR Part 19;
- Addition of forms SF 18, OF 307, SF 1447, and DD 428;
- Inclusion of a revised security details section to accommodate expected changes to the DD Form 254; and
- Changes to the list of applicable sections of the Construction Specifications Institute format requested by the Army Corps of Engineers.
For a complete listing of all enhancements, the PDS Version 2.5 Change Log is available at the link provided above.

Implementation of this version will be coordinated through the monthly In Process Reviews. Questions and comments may be directed to my action officer, Mr. Bruce Propert, at 703-697-4384 or david.b.propert2.civ@mail.mil.

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