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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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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 expires on January 1, 2010. However, section 816 of the National Defense
Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010 extends that authority to January 1, 2012.

This deviation is effective until it is incorporated in the FAR or is otherwise
rescinded. My point of contact for this matter is Ms. Cassandra R. Freeman,
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Attachment:
As Stated

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, 2010~~0~~**[2]**. Contracting officers may award contracts after the expiration of this authority for solicitations issued before the expiration of the authority.

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