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UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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WASHINGTON, DC 20436

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MEMORANDUM

TO: U. S. International Trade Commission  
Acquisition Personnel

FROM: Celeste H. Rueffert *Celeste H. Rueffert*  
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SUBJECT: Class Deviation from Federal Acquisition Regulation Subpart 13.5  
Test Program for Certain Commercial Items

The Test Program for Certain Commercial Items under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 13.5 expired on January 1, 2012. Section 822 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2013, Public Law 112-239, extended the authority for the test program until January 1, 2015. Until the FAR is changed to reflect the extension of the program through January 1, 2015, a class deviation is being issued to change the date in paragraph (d) of FAR 13.500

Therefore, in accordance with FAR Subsection 1.404, I hereby authorize a class deviation from FAR Subpart 13.5, Test Program for Certain Commercial Items, effective immediately. Specifically, the class deviation applies to FAR 13.500(d), changing the expiration date from January 1, 2012, to January 1, 2015 (see attachment). The class deviation remains in effect until superseded or implemented in the FAR. Contracting Officers may begin to issue solicitations under FAR Subpart 13.5 pending issuance of the FAR rule implementing the change.

Attachment

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Federal Acquisition Regulation 13.500(d) is revised as follows:

- | (d) The authority to issue solicitations under this subpart expires on January 1, ~~2012~~2015. Contracting officers may award contracts after the expiration of this authority for solicitations issued before the expiration of the authority.