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Subject: Departmental Documentation Regarding Acquisition Flexibilities Supporting Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response Efforts

References: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subparts 5.2 and 6.3; and Statement by the President on the Economy and the Oil Spill in the Gulf of Mexico, April 30, 2010

1. Purpose:

This DIAPR transmits Departmental documentation authorizing or waiving acquisition procedures for the procurement of supplies and services supporting Gulf of Mexico Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Response Efforts. The document provided is a Departmental Class Justification and Approval for Other Than Full and Open Competition and Waiver of Publication Requirements, limited to acquisitions made by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation and Enforcement (BOEM/RE) and its successors, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and the National Park Service.

2. Effective Date:

Upon signature.

3. Expiration Date:

This DIAPR will remain in effect until canceled or superseded.

4. Background and Explanation:

BP's Deepwater Horizon oil rig located in the Gulf of Mexico exploded on April 20, 2010, and then collapsed two days later, causing the oil well it was drilling to leak. President Barack Obama issued a statement April 30, 2010, describing the oil spill as "a potentially unprecedented environmental disaster." The Department of the Interior (DOI) is among the Federal agencies dispatched by the President to respond to the spill; and BOEM/RE, FWS and NPS have mobilized to support overall response and removal efforts under the direction of U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen, National Incident Commander for the Administration's continued, coordinated response.

The DOI Senior Procurement Executive has approved a class justification for other than full and open competition per FAR Part 6 and a waiver of FAR Part 5 publication requirements for acquisitions of unusual and compelling urgency supporting oil spill response efforts, so that BOEM/RE, FWS and NPS can procure goods and services needed for these efforts in an accelerated fashion.

5. Action Required:

Bureau Procurement Chiefs for BOEM/RE, FWS and NPS shall ensure that the attached documents are widely disseminated within their acquisition community and that the authority provided in the document is used appropriately by contracting officers.

Procurement thresholds have not been increased for contract actions supporting oil spill response efforts, and the Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation’s Governmentwide \$3,000 transaction reporting threshold remains in force. Contracting personnel shall identify procurements supporting the oil spill response efforts by selecting “Gulf Oil Spill” in the National Interest Action field in FPDS.

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