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Subject: **FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR) DEVIATION -  
PERFORMANCE EVALUATION FORMS**

1. **Purpose.** This DIAPR authorizes a class deviation from Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 36 form prescriptions for those using the National Institutes of Health Contractor Performance System (CPS).

2. **Effective Date.** Upon signature.

3. **Expiration Date.** Upon issuance of a pertinent FAR change.

4. **Background and Explanation.**

FAR 36.201(a)(1) and 36.701(e) prescribe the use of Standard Form (SF) 1420, Performance Evaluation (Construction) for each construction contract valued at \$500,000 or more, and each defaulted construction contract valued above \$10,000. FAR 36.604(a) and 36.702(c) require the use of SF 1421, Performance Evaluation (Architect-Engineer) for each Architect-Engineer contract valued above \$25,000.

CPS provides a Contractor Performance Insert Form for both construction and architect-engineer contracts. These CPS forms contain all the data elements required by the standard forms. Therefore, they may be substituted for the prescribed forms when CPS is utilized. A proposal is pending to revise the FAR to allow CPS users to do this without documenting a deviation. In the meantime, this DIAPR constitutes authority to use the CPS forms instead of SFs 1420 and 1421.

5. **Action Required.**

When entering data into the CPS, substitute the CPS Performance Insert Forms for the SF1420 and 1421.

Please disseminate within your bureau where appropriate. Please contact Ms. Dee Emmerich of this office on (202) 208-3348 if you have any questions regarding this policy issuance.

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