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Subject: Class Deviation - Required Determinations for Interagency Acquisitions

References: Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-47, FAR Case 2008-032, Preventing Abuse of Interagency Contracts
Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 17.5

1. Purpose:

This DIAPR establishes a deviation from Department of the Interior Acquisition Regulation (DIAR) 1417.5 that applies to all DOI interagency acquisitions, in order to ensure consistency with FAR.

2. Effective Date:

Upon signature.

3. Expiration Date:

This DIAPR will remain in effect until DIAR 1417.5 is removed or revised.

4. Background and Explanation:

FAR Case 2008-032, Preventing Abuse of Interagency Contracts, published as part of FAC 2005-47, was effective as an interim rule on December 13, 2010. The rule makes extensive changes to FAR 17.5, Interagency Acquisitions. The revisions include the addition of a new subsection 17.502-1, which requires that all interagency acquisitions, including Federal Supply Schedule orders over \$500,000, are supported by a determination of best procurement approach. This determination is in addition to the determination and findings (D&F) that must be signed by a warranted contracting officer in support of an Economy Act order. The corresponding DIAR 1417.5 is now obsolete because the numbering no longer corresponds to the FAR, it imposes a higher approval level than the FAR for the Economy Act D&F, and it references an incorrect threshold for legal review. Per DIAPR 2001-3, the current Economy Act D&F legal review threshold for most bureaus is \$500,000.

5. Action Required:

Effective immediately, contracting staff must refer to and comply with FAR 17.5 when conducting interagency acquisitions (as defined in FAR 2.1). DIAR 1417.5 should be disregarded, as it will be removed, or revised to be consistent with FAR. Contracting officers may approve interagency acquisition determinations at their level, except for those that must be approved by the Senior Procurement Executive because they support Economy Act orders with a servicing agency not covered by the Federal Acquisition Regulation. Contracting

officers must ensure any required legal review is obtained in accordance with DIAPR 2001-3 and all procedural requirements of FAR 17.502 are addressed prior to approval of the determination.

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