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MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS

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SUBJECT:

**Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation  
(FAR) 13.5, Test Program for Certain Commercial Items**

**Purpose:** This Acquisition Bulletin (AB) provides the attached Senior Procurement Executive memorandum authorizing Treasury Bureau Procurement Offices to deviate from FAR 13.500(d), with respect to the specified expiration date of January 1, 2010 for use of simplified procedures for the acquisition of certain commercial items in amounts greater than the simplified acquisition threshold.

**Effective Date:** Effective upon issuance.

**Expiration Date:** This AB will expire upon issuance of the final rule amending the FAR to extend the test program until January 1, 2012, or sooner if otherwise cancelled or superseded.

**Background:** Section 816 of the National Defense Authorization Act of Fiscal Year 2010 extended until January 1, 2012 the authority for the FAR 13.5 test program for use of simplified procedures for the acquisition of certain commercial items in amounts greater than the simplified acquisition threshold. A FAR case is in process to amend 13.500(d) to extend the expiration date to January 1, 2012.

**Additional Information:**

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Attachment: SPE Memorandum, Class Deviation from Federal Acquisition Regulation 13.500(d), Test Program for Certain Commercial Items