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MEMORANDUM FOR BUREAU CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICERS

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**SUBJECT: Evaluation and Reporting of Contractor Performance
Information**

Purpose: This Acquisition Bulletin (AB) serves to update the Departmental plan for evaluation and reporting of contractor performance information by establishing the requirement that contracting personnel use the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) to report contractor performance assessments in accordance with FAR 42.15.

Effective Date: Effective upon issuance.

Expiration Date: This AB will expire when cancelled or superseded.

Background: The National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Contractor Performance System (CPS) has supported the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) and other civilian agencies in submission of their contractor performance reports since December 1996. Despite continual updating of CPS, the system is in need of an architectural overhaul. This need, in combination with recent government-wide efforts to consolidate systems and enhance systems' compatibility, has resulted in several civilian agencies transitioning to the more modern Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS), which is managed by the Department of Defense (DOD).

In light of these facts, NIH reached a decision to not revamp CPS and to officially end service to all customers on September 30, 2010. As a result, Treasury has joined most other civilian agencies in transitioning from CPS to CPARS.

Required Bureau Action:

- Bureaus shall appoint a "Bureau Focal Point" to assist CPARS users with system access, entry of evaluation reports, and general system maintenance. The Bureau Focal Point

will have oversight of both CPARS and its sister system, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS).

- Bureaus may use CPARS effective immediately. After CPS is unavailable, Bureaus shall use CPARS for general contractor performance assessment reporting and recurring annual evaluations, in accordance with FAR 42.15.
- All existing CPS past performance evaluations must be completed by September 30, 2010. Users are no longer able to add new evaluations to CPS. CPARS will be unable to accept records that were completed in CPS. However, all finalized CPS records will remain available in the Performance Information Retrieval Systems (PIRS). Because the CPS will only remain open until September 30, 2010, it is imperative that all performance evaluations be finalized by that date. Otherwise, a re-entry of those evaluations will have to occur in CPARS for their completion and transfer into PIRS.
- Bureaus shall use FAPIIS to report information on Terminations for Default, Terminations for Cause, Terminations for Material Failure to Comply, Defective Pricing Actions, Non-Responsibility Determinations, and Recipient Not-Qualified Determinations, in accordance with FAR 42.15.
- Bureaus shall continue to obtain past performance information from PIRS (i.e. when conducting a past performance evaluation during source selection). Both CPARS and FAPIIS feed their completed reports into PIRS.

Additional Information: Any references to CPS contained in AB 10-06 and other Treasury policy documents should be replaced with references to CPARS.

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Related Links:

- CPARS: <http://www.cpars.csd.disa.mil/cparsmain.htm>
- FAPIIS: <http://www.cpars.csd.disa.mil/fapiismain.htm>