

Acquisition Policy

DOT Dash

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To: Chief of the Contracting Office (COCO)
Acquisition Personnel

From: Office of the Senior Procurement Executive

Subject: Expiring Authority – Test Program for Certain Commercial Items

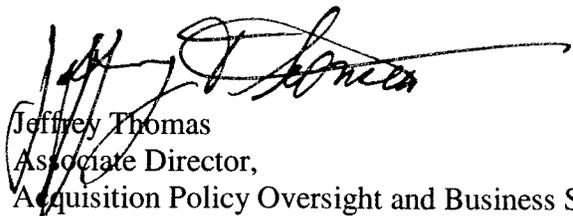
Summary: This DASH provides notification of expiring authority for the Test Program for Certain Commercial Items at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Subpart 13.5. FAR 13.5 authorizes, as a test program, use of simplified procedures for the acquisition of supplies and services in amounts greater than the simplified acquisition threshold but not exceeding \$6.5 million, (\$12 million for emergency acquisitions), including options, if the contracting officer reasonably expects, based on the nature of the supplies or services sought, and on market research, that offers will include only commercial items.

Authority to issue solicitations under FAR 13.5 expires January 1, 2012.

Acquisition Impact: The authority to issue solicitations under FAR Subpart 13.5 expires on January 1, 2012. However, contracting officers may award contracts after the expiration of this authority for solicitations issued before the expiration of the authority.

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