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Acquisition Letter MV-13-02

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL GSA CONTRACTING ACTIVITIES

FROM: JOSEPH A. NEURAUTER *[Signature]*  
SENIOR PROCUREMENT EXECUTIVE

SUBJECT: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation- Extension  
of the Test Program for Certain Commercial Items under FAR  
Subpart 13.5

1. Purpose.

- a. The purpose of this Acquisition Letter is to issue a FAR Class Deviation, pursuant to FAR 1.404, extending the authority for the Test Program for Certain Commercial Items under FAR subpart 13.5.
- b. The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) has advised civilian agencies in the attached CAAC Letter of their authority to issue a class deviation until an expedited FAR case is processed to change the date of expiration for the Test Program for Certain Commercial Items to January 1, 2015. Section 822 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, Public Law 112-239, extended the authority of the Test program which expired in January 1, 2012.

2. Effective Date. This class deviation is in effect upon signature and remains in effect until incorporated into the FAR.

3. Points of Contact. Please contact Ms. Deborah Eble of the GSA Acquisition Policy Division at (215) 446-5823 or [deborah.eble@gsa.gov](mailto:deborah.eble@gsa.gov).

Attachment



GSA Office of Governmentwide Policy  
CIVILIAN AGENCY ACQUISITION LETTER 2013-02

January 14, 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR CIVILIAN AGENCIES OTHER THAN NASA

FROM: LAURA AULETTA   
CHAIR  
CIVILIAN AGENCY ACQUISITION COUNCIL (CAAC)

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

This memorandum serves as consultation for agency class deviations to extend the Commercial Item Test Program in FAR 13.5. Section 822 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, Public Law 112-239, extended the authority for the test program until January 1, 2015.

An expedited FAR case is being processed to change the date of expiration for the program in FAR 13.500(d). Pending issuance of the final FAR rule, agencies may authorize a class deviation in accordance with FAR 1.404 to change the program expiration date in FAR 13.500(d) to January 1, 2015.

This CAAC memorandum constitutes consultation with the Chair of the CAAC required by FAR 1.404(a)(1). Agencies are reminded that FAR 1.404 requires agencies to furnish a copy of each approved class deviation to the FAR Secretariat, General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), 1275 First Street, NE, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor, ATTN: Hada Flowers, Washington, DC, 20417. Agencies may also email the deviation to Ms. Flowers at [hada.flowers@gsa.gov](mailto:hada.flowers@gsa.gov) or send by fax to 202-501-4067.

If you have questions or require additional information regarding this memorandum, please contact Michael O. Jackson at (202) 208-4949 or by email at [michaelo.jackson@gsa.gov](mailto:michaelo.jackson@gsa.gov).