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SUBJECT: Class Deviation—The Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business Program

Effective immediately, this class deviation revises and supersedes Class Deviation 2024-O0002, issued on December 8, 2023. This class deviation provides an alternative to the use of the System for Award Management (SAM) as part of the procedures for contracting officers to verify the eligibility of concerns for awards made under the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) Program.

Contracting officers shall use the procedures in this class deviation in lieu of the procedures at Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 19.1403, 19.1405(c), and 19.1406(b) that require contracting officers to check SAM to verify the eligibility of an SDVOSB concern for a set-aside or sole-source award made under the SDVOSB Program. In lieu of checking SAM, contracting officers shall check the Dynamic Small Business Search (DSBS) at <u>https://web.sba.gov/pro-net/search/dsp_dsbs.cfm</u> to verify that the offeror is certified as an SDVOSB concern.

These alternate procedures are necessary until SAM and DSBS are updated to align with the revisions made to the FAR pursuant to the interim rule for FAR Case 2022-009, Certification of Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses. The interim rule was published in the *Federal Register* at 89 FR 13950 and was effective on February 23, 2024.

This deviation does not alter any requirements or procedures relating to pending applications for certification.

This class deviation remains in effect until SAM and DSBS are updated to align with the revisions to the FAR or until otherwise rescinded. My point of contact is Ms. Jeanette Snyder, who may be reached at jeanette.m.snyder4.civ@mail.mil.

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