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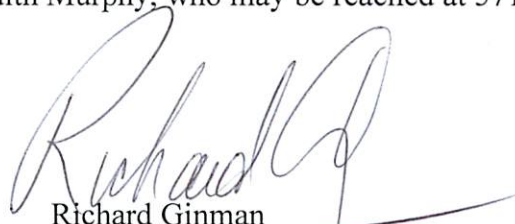
MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: Class Deviation– Extension of Biobased Reporting Requirement

Effective immediately, the reporting deadline contained in paragraph (c)(2) of the clause at FAR 52.223-2, Affirmative Procurement of Biobased Products Under Service and Construction Contracts, is extended from October 31, 2012, to December 31, 2012. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has launched a web-based portal to handle reporting required for Fiscal Year 2012. The reporting template and additional information on the reporting process are available at <http://www.biopreferred.gov>. Contractors can submit their reports at the portal.

The Department continues to fully support the policies on the use of biobased products at Federal Acquisition Regulation subpart 23.4 – Use of Recovered Materials and Biobased Products. The extension of the reporting deadline is necessitated by delays in the development and deployment of the web-based portal. The extended deadline will provide contractors the necessary time to report their data to the USDA portal.

This class deviation remains in effect until January 1, 2013, unless it is otherwise rescinded. My point of contact is Ms. Meredith Murphy, who may be reached at 571-372-6098, or at meredith.murphy@osd.mil.


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