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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, UNITED STATES SPECIAL OPERATIONS
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SUBJECT: Class Deviation—Permanent Authority for Use of Simplified Acquisition
Procedures for Certain Commercial Items

Effective immediately, contracting officers shall use the attached deviation from Federal
Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 13.5, Test Program for Certain Commercial Items.

Currently, FAR 13.500(d) indicates that the authority to issue solicitations under subpart
13.5 expires on January 1, 2015. However, section 815 of the National Defense Authorization
Act of Fiscal Year 2015 makes the authority permanent.

This class deviation is effective until it is incorporated in the FAR or is otherwise
rescinded. My point of contact is Ms. Janetta Brewer, who may be reached at 571-372-6104, or
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Attachment:
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Subpart 13.5—Test Program for Certain Commercial Items

13.500 General.

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~~(d) The authority to issue solicitations under this subpart expires on January 1, 2015. Contracting officers may award contracts after the expiration of this authority for solicitations issued before the expiration of the authority.~~

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