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MEMORANDUM FOR CIVILIAN AGENCIES OTHER THAN NASA

FROM: WILLIAM F. CLARK   
CHAIR  
CIVILIAN AGENCY ACQUISITION COUNCIL (CAAC)

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

This memorandum serves as consultation for agency class deviations to extend permanently the Commercial Item Test Program at FAR subpart 13.5. Section 815 of the Carl Levin and Howard P. 'Buck' McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015, Public Law 113-291, extended permanently the authority for the test program.

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

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 Regulatory Secretariat, General Services Administration, 1800 F Street, NW, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, ATTN: Hada Flowers, Washington, DC, 20405. 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.

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