CAAC Letter 2014-03 - Authorizing a Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to Implement Executive Order 13658, Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors

Good Afternoon Bill,

This e-mail is to provide, per request, notification that the Department of the Treasury has issued Acquisition Bulletin No. 14-02 for the purposes of implementing the subject class deviation.

If you have any questions regarding this action please contact me via telephone or e-mail as provided below.

Sincerely

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Dear CAAC Members:

The attached CAAC letter serves as consultation in accordance with FAR 1.404(a)(1) to issue a class deviation for use of a clause to implement (1) Executive Order 13658, Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors, signed February 12, 2014, and (2) OMB Policy Memorandum M-14-09, Implementation of the President’s Executive Order Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors, dated June 12, 2014.

The Executive Order requires agencies, to the extent permitted by law, to include a clause in new new solicitations and resultant contracts, specifying, as a condition of payment, that the minimum wage to be paid to workers, in the performance of the contract or any subcontract there under, shall be at least $10.10 per hour beginning January 1, 2015. The Department of Labor is required to issue regulations to implement the Executive Order and the FAR Council is required to provide for inclusion of a contract clause in solicitations and resultant contracts subject to the Executive Order. The OMB memorandum requested that the FAR Council provide standard wording for a contract clause to be used pending issuance of Department of Labor and FAR regulations.

The CAAC letter provides a contract clause for use in all new FAR based contracts negotiated after the date of the Executive Order, but before the effective date of the implementing regulations by the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council. The clause only covers contracts that are subject to the FAR.

Questions regarding this CAAC letter may be referred to Edward Loeb at (202) 501-0650 or by email at edward.loeb@gsa.gov.

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