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SUBJECT: Awardee Search in FAPIIS and EPLS

By the attached memorandum dated June 20, 2011, the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) reiterated the FAR requirements to review information in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) and the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) when making a responsibility determination for award of a contract to a prospective contractor. DPAP highlighted that a recent review by the Inspector General's office found that awards were made to entities listed in EPLS.

FAR 9.104-6 requires contracting officers to consider all information in FAPIIS when making a responsibility determination for award of any contract in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold. Similarly, FAR 9.405 requires an initial review of the EPLS after the opening of bids or receipt of proposals, and a subsequent review immediately prior to award, to ensure that no award is made to a listed contractor. DPAP noted that the EPLS contains information on individuals who are suspended, proposed for debarment, or debarred, that is not available in FAPIIS. Accordingly, it is requested that you remind contracting officers under your cognizance that they must review the data in both FAPIIS and the EPLS when considering an individual or entity for award of a contract.

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Subpart 9.104-6 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) states prior to awarding a contract in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold, contracting officers shall consider all information in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) when making a responsibility determination.

The government FAPIIS site provides certain information that is found in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR), the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS) and the Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS). The search conducted in FAPIIS is through use of a DUNS, CAGE code, or name. The EPLS has information on individuals that are suspended, proposed for debarment, or debarred that is not available on the FAPIIS site.

Therefore, contracting officers must examine the data in the EPLS in addition to using the information in FAPIIS to determine a prospective awardee's responsibility when considering an individual or entity for award. A recent review of the suspension and debarment process by the Inspector General's office found that awards were made to entities listed in the EPLS. Pursuant to FAR 9.405(d)(4) "Immediately prior to award, the contracting officer shall again review the EPLS to ensure that no award is made to a listed contractor."

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