



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

**Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20201**

To: Heads of Contracting Agency **JAN 06 2015**
Subject: Class Deviation-Permanent Authority for Use of Simplified Acquisition
Procedures for Certain Commercial Items
Effective Date: Immediately

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This class deviation is effective until it is incorporated in the FAR or is otherwise rescinded.

If you have any questions on this class deviation, please contact Charrsi Brightharp at charrsi.brightharp@hhs.gov.

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Attachment:
As Stated

cc: FAR Secretariat

**Subpart 13.5 – Test Program for Certain Commercial Items
(DEVIATION)**

13.500 General

~~(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.~~
