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Weapons of Mass Destruction

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2014 Communications

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency and U.S. Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (DTRA/SCC-WMD) is in the midst of executing our last remaining Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 contract actions and preparing for FY 2014. Our FY 2014 planning assumes a high-level of budgetary uncertainty beginning October 1, 2013 for Government contracting actions. We recognize that industry and academia, working with Government, must plan for this heightened level of FY 2014 budgetary uncertainty.

DTRA/SCC-WMD's success is a team effort. That team is comprised of military, Government civilians, and support contractors. All are critical to mission accomplishment. Each part of the team is affected differently because of the nature of their employment. As DTRA/SCC-WMD addresses budgetary reductions over the next several years, contracts affecting DTRA programs will likely be reduced.

We are committed to sharing information in a timely manner with our partners in industry and academia whenever DTRA/SCC-WMD programs and contracts are affected by budgetary reductions. As those reductions materialize, and are addressed through the Department of Defense budget approval process, every effort will be made to notify industry and academia in a timely manner so that appropriate plans for both your organization and employees can be made.

The Congress has not yet passed a fiscal year (FY) 2014 appropriations bill that would provide funding for Federal Government operations after September 30, 2013. In the event of a lapse, vendors working on contracts with funds already appropriated (FY2013 or prior year) should continue to work unless directed otherwise by their Contracting Officer. In situations where Government personnel are necessary to oversee or inspect work, the DTRA/SCC-WMD managers will make the decision on whether or not that work will be accomplished and direction will be provided by the Contracting Officer.

During the lapse, contractors may generally be paid for work done on contracts with funds that are available without an FY 2014 appropriation. There may, however, be delays or disruptions in payments because of the effects of shutdown on Government employees who process payments.

Until FY 2014 funds are appropriated, new Government obligations that depend on FY 2014 appropriations (including extensions or options to existing contracts and new contracts) may be entered only for contracts that directly support "excepted" activities – generally defined as those activities necessary to support approved military operations or to address emergency

circumstances. These contracts do bind the Government, even if funds have not been appropriated to fund them at the time the contracts are awarded. Payment for work performed under these contracts cannot be made until the funds are actually appropriated and may be delayed.

This shared information will hopefully enable your organization to better support DTRA/SCC-WMD during FY 2014 and beyond. As always, your primary point of contact for specific questions regarding contracts is the cognizant Contracting Officer.

Sincerely,

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