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On 28 Feb 2013, the DTRA Component Acquisition Executive sent all DTRA Industry and Academia Partners a letter expressing the need to ensure open communications between DTRA Program officials and our performers on the potential effects of a possible sequestration and continuing resolution challenges this fiscal year. In that spirit, DTRA Basic Research Department staff would like to ensure all of our current performers that we do not foresee any negative impacts on our current grants and awards at this time as a result of sequestration. The only potential impact would be a lower opportunity for option year and new awards in the future due to potential reductions in budget authority. To be clear, sequestration should not have any impact on our current base period grants or selected and notified option year awards.

In the event of a failure to pass either a full FY13 budget for the Department of Defense or another continuing resolution for the rest of the FY13 by late March, DTRA may be required to use extraordinary means to continue programs that have not already received their FY13 funding. This would cause a delay in the receipt of your annual funding allotment if you are still in your base period or a delay in the award of an option year. In the case of option year awards that have been notified of selection, DTRA may need to request a no cost extension of the grant to FY14 if your current Period of Performance ends after 1 April 2013. Again, this is only in the event Congress does not pass an FY13 appropriation bill or continuing resolution to fund operations beyond March 2013.

We appreciate the stress this may cause you and your staff as we navigate these difficult times. Rest assured that the Basic Research Department Staff is investigating all options to minimize negative impacts to our performers. Please understand we appreciate there are still many unanswered questions as we move forward, but we will make every effort to keep you informed.

Respectfully,  
The DTRA Basic Research Department Staff



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Industry and Academia Partners of the  
Defense Threat Reduction Agency and  
U.S. Strategic Command Center for Combating  
Weapons of Mass Destruction

**SUBJECT:** Sequestration Communications and Planning

Our Nation is faced with serious Federal budget challenges, resulting in a prolonged period of uncertainty for the entire Department of Defense. The Defense Threat Reduction Agency and U.S. Strategic Command Center for Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction (DTRA/SCC-WMD) is no exception, and that is particularly true as we prepare for implementation of a sequestration required by the Budget Control Act of 2011. As the March 1, 2013, deadline for possible sequestration approaches, it is our goal to keep our partners in industry and academia informed about our plans. We recognize that industry and academia, as well as Government, must make internal business plans to deal with possible sequestration impacts.

If sequestration occurs, many of our contracts and grants will be affected. Even if sequestration is averted, challenging continuing resolution impacts may remain that could also affect not only our existing contract vehicles but also future awards. While we identify specific programs to be reduced or potentially canceled, it is our goal to engage our partners in industry and academia at the appropriate times.

To that end and to aid in our decision making process, I am encouraging program officials throughout DTRA/SCC-WMD, working in conjunction with their contracting officers, to enhance their communications with industry and academia regarding the effects of a possible sequestration and continuing resolution challenges. Further, as decisions are made relative to specific programs or contracts, the information will be passed expeditiously to those affected to allow as much time as possible to adjust program execution plans.

I will continue to keep you informed as our implementation plans are finalized.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary T. Blore".

Gary T. Blore  
Component Acquisition Executive