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SUBJECT: Transition of competitive sourcing activity from old A-76 circular to new A-76 Circular

TO: BA Employees

FROM: Phyllis E. Johnson /s/
Director

As you may know, the Office of Management and Budget recently issued a revised Circular A-76 which governs how we carry out our competitive sourcing activities. We're sending this memo so that you know that we are now doing these activities according to the guidelines of the new circular, which was issued on May 29, 2003. The circular is available on the OMB website at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars/index.html>.

Following is the text of the announcement appearing in the FedBizOpps as of today, June 27, which serves as the formal public announcement of these activities. The term "MEO Team Lead" under the old circular has been replaced by a new term, "Agency Tender Official." Both terms refer to the team leader for the group preparing the government's in-house proposal for how to do the work.

FEDBIZOPPS FORMAL PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO COMPLY WITH TRANSITION PROCEDURES
REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-76
(Section 7.e.):

As required by OMB Circular No. A-76 (Revised), dated 5/29/03, this notice serves to publicly announce the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agricultural Research Service's (ARS), transition procedures of the following competitive sourcing studies:

"Conversion of cost comparison to standard competition of facilities operations and maintenance support services at Beltsville, Maryland and Washington, D.C. currently provided by 209 FTE incumbent USDA/ARS personnel. Competitive Sourcing Official: Edward McPherson. Contracting Officer: Lyndia Countee. Agency Tender Official: John van de Vaarst. Projected end date of competition: December 26, 2004.

"Conversion of cost comparison to standard competition of facilities operations and maintenance support services at Ames, Iowa currently provided by 68 FTE incumbent USDA/ARS personnel. Competitive Sourcing Official: Edward McPherson. Contracting Officer: Cheryl Coxen. Agency Tender Official: Mark Bulechek. Projected end date of competition: December 26, 2004.

"Conversion of cost comparison to standard competition of research farming services at Beltsville, Maryland currently provided by 58 FTE incumbent USDA/ARS personnel. Competitive Sourcing Official: Edward McPherson. Contracting Officer: Alvenia Pitts. Agency Tender Official: James Anderson. Projected end date of competition: December 26, 2004.

"Conversion of cost comparison to standard competition of research support services at Ames, Iowa, currently provided by 44 FTE incumbent USDA/ARS personnel. Competitive Sourcing Official: Edward McPherson. Contracting Officer: Meghan Ryan. Agency Tender Official: Julia Ridpath. Projected end date of competition: December 26, 2004.

"Conversion of direct conversion to streamlined competition of security services at Beltsville, Maryland, currently provided by 24 FTE incumbent USDA/ARS personnel. Competitive Sourcing Official: Edward McPherson. Contracting Officer: Patrick Reilly. Projected end date of competition: November 10, 2003.

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