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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, DEFENSE LOGISTICS AGENCY

SUBJECT: Comprehensive Subcontracting Plan Test Program

I request Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) support in negotiating comprehensive subcontracting plans when requested by the Military Departments under the Comprehensive Subcontracting Plan Test Program for contracts that are assigned to DLA for administration.

The Comprehensive Subcontracting Plan Test Program required by Public Law 101-189 waives the requirement for negotiation, administration and reporting on a contract-by-contract basis as required under section 211 of Public Law 95-507. The purpose of the test is to determine whether or not comprehensive subcontracting plans will result in increased subcontracting opportunities for small and disadvantaged businesses while reducing the administrative burdens on contractors. The test program has been changed to allow more contractors to participate. Currently, there are 27 contractors participating in the test, an increase of 19 since the test program was revised. It is not anticipated that many more contractors will request approval to participate.

The Defense Contract Management Command (DCMC) has played an active role in the test thus far, negotiating 23 of the comprehensive subcontracting plans for prime contractors currently participating in the test. Having negotiated the vast majority of the existing comprehensive subcontracting plans, DCMC is uniquely capable of ensuring that future negotiations are conducted in a manner consistent with past negotiations for the limited number of contractors that may request approval to participate in the remaining months of the test. It is anticipated that the Service Acquisition Executives may wish to delegate specific authority to continue negotiation of comprehensive subcontracting plans for the remainder of the test program.

Your support in this important aspect of the test program will help the Department conduct a meaningful test and is greatly appreciated.

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