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**NOTICE TO THE TRADE
FOR DOMESTIC SUPPLIERS**

DOMESTIC ELECTRONIC BID ENTRY SYSTEM (DEBES)

It has recently been brought to our attention that some vendors are having trouble entering constraints when using Netscape 6.0. AOL purchased Netscape and changed the way the browser works. As a result, DEBES is incompatible with Netscape 6.0. Therefore, we are amending our browser requirements from "Netscape 4.07 or above" to the following:

- Software requirements for access to DEBES are Netscape versions greater than 4.07 and less than 6.0 (OR) Internet Explorer 5.0 or above.

In addition to the above problems with Netscape, this office will be upgrading to Windows XP, which does not include Netscape. Technical resources will be directed toward Internet Explorer. Due to the current situation, we encourage any vendor currently using Netscape to consider switching to Internet Explorer. Internet Explorer may be accessed via the Microsoft web site at www.microsoft.com/downloads.

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