

POLICY FLASH 2009-29

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March 20, 2009

TO:

Procurement Directors

FROM:

Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-61

Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT:

DOE Acquisition and Financial Assistance Implementation

Guide for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of

2009

SUMMARY: The attached Guide provides DOE acquisition and financial assistance personnel with information and guidance to assist in the award and administration of contracts, orders, grants, cooperative agreements and technology investment agreements that will use Recovery Act funds. The Guide is intended to be a "living document" and will be periodically updated based on the issuance of new or amended government-wide guidance (e.g., Federal Acquisition Regulation rulemakings), and DOE and other agency lessons-learned and best practices.

You are strongly encouraged to share information, lessons learned, locally developed templates/forms/model documents with this office for potential Department-wide dissemination via updates to the attached or other appropriate guidance instrument.

Please note that the Special Terms and Conditions for contracts disseminated via Policy Flash 2009-28 on March 11, 2009, has been updated in the subject Guide; specifically, the provisions in section J. pertaining to Buy America requirements. In addition, the Special Terms and Conditions for both Financial Assistance and Acquisitions will now be memorialized in the Guide and supersede those issued via Policy Flash 2009-28. Both Policy Flash 2009-28 and 2009-27 are hereby cancelled.

This Flash will be available online within a day, at the following website: http://www.management.energy.gov/policy_guidance/policy_flashes.htm.

In addition, the subject Guide will be made available on the Office of Procurement and Assistance Management's Policy and Guidance website at: http://management.energy.gov/policyguidance/procurement-acquisition.htm.

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