



POLICY FLASH 2013-31

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TO: Procurement Directors

FROM:



Director
Contract and Financial Assistance Policy Division
Office of Policy
Office of Acquisition and Project Management

**SUBJECT: Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)
13.5, Test Program for Certain Commercial Items**

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council issued Civilian Agency Acquisition Letter 2013-02, authorizing covered agencies to extend the Commercial Item Test Program in FAR 13.5. Section 822 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, Public Law 112-239, extended the authority for the test program until January 1, 2015. An expedited FAR case is being processed to change the date of expiration for the program in FAR 13.500(d). Until such time, the Class Deviation to extend the Commercial Item Test Program in FAR 13.5 is appropriate to implement the extended authority contained in Section 822 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013. This Policy Flash forwards the approved DOE class deviation.

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<http://energy.gov/management/office-management/operational-management/procurement-and-acquisition/policy-flashes>.

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