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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTORS OF DEFENSE AGENCIES  
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SUBJECT: Central Contractor Registration

Several letters have been issued advising the acquisition and finance communities and defense contractors of DoD's intent to require that contractors be registered in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database to receive contract awards resulting from solicitations issued after September 30, 1997.

We have decided to delay implementation of that requirement while we take immediate steps to make it easier and quicker for contractors to register in the CCR. Rather than ask contractors to submit information that has already been provided to the government, we will first populate the CCR with information extracted from other databases. Contractors will then be asked to provide only the missing data elements and to verify the accuracy of existing data. We are also simplifying the process for registering through the World Wide Web, and we plan to reduce significantly the time it takes to validate registration data.

These actions will substantially improve the registration process and reduce the administrative burden for contractors. A firm date for imposing the requirement for contractors to be registered in the CCR cannot be established at this time. For planning purposes, the requirement for contractors to be registered in CCR as a prerequisite to receiving a DoD contract will be no earlier than March 31, 1998.

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