

**U.S. Department Of Agriculture
Departmental Management
Office of Procurement and Property Management**

CLASS DEVIATION

SUBJECT: Providing Accelerated Payment to Small Business Subcontractors

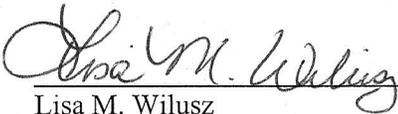
FINDINGS:

This deviation implements the temporary one-year policy provided by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Policy Memorandum M-12-16, *Providing Prompt Payment to Small Business Subcontractors*, which was issued to accelerate payment from federal prime contractors to their small business subcontractors.

In addition, Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) Letter 2012-03, issued by the GSA Office of Governmentwide Policy, encourages agencies to issue a class deviation, in accordance with FAR 1.404, to implement the policy of the OMB memorandum.

DETERMINATION:

In accordance with the OMB and CAAC Letters cited above, I hereby determine that a class deviation shall be issued providing a contract clause to require prime contractors to pay small business subcontractors on an accelerated timetable to the maximum extent practicable.



Lisa M. Wilusz
Senior Procurement Executive

12-17-12
Date