

# Procurement Advisory No. 107

## USDA Procurement Advisory Established

### 1. SUMMARY

The purpose of this Advisory is to announce that Office of Procurement and Property Management (OPPM) will discontinue use of AGAR Advisories and replace them with a new series designated as USDA Procurement Advisories.

### 2. BACKGROUND

The Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) authorizes the USDA Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) to issue and publish regulations that constitute Department-wide policies and procedures, solicitation provisions and contract clauses governing the contracting process.

The SPE is also responsible for review and issuance of unpublished, Department-wide internal guidance under the AGAR System. One series of procurement guidance documents, AGAR Advisories, is now being replaced by USDA Procurement Advisories.

### 3. REFERENCES

7 USC 2.93(a)(5)(i); <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/cgi/t/text/text-idx?c=ecfr&sid=30b7d83dd545256e63c863acf47a6201&rgn=div8&view=text&node=7:1.1.1.1.5.16.25.6&idno=7>  
Agriculture Acquisition Regulation (AGAR) 401.301(a) and AGAR 401.304(b)  
<http://www.dm.usda.gov/procurement/policy/docs/agar04.pdf>

### 4. ACTIONS

All existing AGAR Advisories will be renamed Procurement Advisories and will remain in effect until revised or cancelled. Future procurement policy guidance will be issued as USDA Procurement Advisories.

The USDA Procurement Advisories are designed to:

- a. communicate Department-wide policy and/or procedural guidance to contracting activities;
- b. clarify policies of the FAR or the AGAR; and,
- c. establish internal policy and procedures.

The numeric designations will remain in the current numbering sequence.

### 5. CONTACTS

If you have questions or comments regarding this advisory please contact the OPPM Procurement Policy Division at [procurement.policy@dm.usda.gov](mailto:procurement.policy@dm.usda.gov).

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**EXPIRATION DATE:** Effective upon issue date until canceled. [END]]