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Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Enhanced Strategic Sourcing Website

This Policy Flash provides information regarding recent updates to DOE's Complex-wide Strategic Sourcing website.

There are many Department-wide strategic sourcing instruments that have been awarded for goods and services that are commonly acquired across the DOE complex. These instruments have been awarded in accordance with all applicable Federal and DOE regulations/policies and are available for use by authorized DOE federal and major site and facility contractor personnel.

The use of these instruments offers numerous cost, time, and resource benefits, including:

- Significant leveraged discounts off GSA or market pricing for commonly acquired goods and services;
- Fast order placement most orders can be placed in 1 day;
- Enhanced socio-economic goal achievement most awardees are small, disadvantaged, 8(a), service disabled, veteran-owned, etc.

Detailed information on these instruments and other information pertaining to DOE's Strategic Sourcing Procurement are located on DOE's "Complex-wide Strategic Sourcing" website, http://www.management.energy.gov/1364.htm. This website has recently been updated based on input provided by representatives of DOE's contracting activities and program offices. The website has been enhanced to be more user-friendly and to provide more detailed information pertaining to these awards, including on-line access to the statement of work/item descriptions, awardee size, points of contact, and ordering procedures.

All DOE contracting activities should establish an "order of precedence" requiring that their contract specialists/contracting officers research the availability of required goods and services prior to initiating a new acquisition. In addition, this information and direction should be shared with all individuals who have been delegated purchasing authority via use of DOE/C-Web and the Government-wide Purchase Card.

This Policy Flash may be viewed online at the following website: http://management.energy.gov/policy_guidance/policy_flashes.htm.

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