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SUBJECT:

Call for 2015 Team Members – Independent Peer Review for
Contractor Purchasing Systems

As you are aware, the Procurement Evaluation and Reengineering Team (PERT) has a proven track record within the Department of Energy (DOE) complex for effectively reviewing contractor purchasing systems on Management and Operating (M&O) contracts.

The below proposed PERT schedule has been developed to facilitate the review of contractor purchasing systems at four sites in FY 2015.

January 26-31, 2015 Los Alamos National Laboratory

June 15-19, 2015 Argonne National Laboratory

July 21-25, 2015 Strategic Petroleum Reserve

August 17-21, 2015 Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory

The PERT program is mission essential. FAR 44.032(b) requires Contracting Officers to make an assessment of the need for a PERT review every three years. With reduced funding and budget levels, it is also the most economical way to fulfill the requirements of FAR 44.032(b). The alternative is to pay independent audit companies for subcontract reviews at a substantially higher amount.



The PERT program also identifies best practices in contractor's purchasing systems and shares this knowledge with all sites. History shows that communication and savings go hand in hand. The success of the PERT program continues to be a collective effort from all of the sites. This includes sites funding their staff to volunteer for the PERT reviews.

Thank you for your commitment to the PERT program. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Mike Larson of this office 202-287-1426 or by email at Michael.Larson@hq.doe.gov or Charlie Hurt at 202-586-8608 or by email at Charlie.hurt@nnsa.doe.gov.

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