




POLICY FLASH 2013-59

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TO: Procurement Directors/Contracting Officers


FROM: Director
Contract and Financial Assistance Policy Division
Office of Policy
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Class Deviation from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 19.15, Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) Program

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) issued Civilian Agency Acquisition Letter (CAAL) 2013-03 on May 7, 2013; authorizing covered agencies to approve a Class Deviation to remove the dollar limitations on the anticipated award price of a contract to an economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) or WOSB concern eligible under the WOSB Program, until such time as the FAR is formally amended. Section 1697 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013, Public Law 112-239, amended section 8(m) of the Small Business Act, (15 U.S.C. 637(m)) by removing the dollar limitations for set-asides to an EDWOSB or WOSB eligible under the Small Business Administration's (SBA) Women-owned Small Business Federal Contract Program. This Policy Flash forwards the approved DOE class deviation and provides a copy of the CAAC letter.

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<http://energy.gov/management/office-management/operational-management/procurement-and-acquisition/policy-flashes>.

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Attachments