



POLICY FLASH 2011-101

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TO: Procurement Directors

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

SUBJECT: OFPP Policy Letter 11-01, Performance of Inherently Governmental and Critical Functions

SUMMARY: On September 12, 2011, the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) issued the final version of Policy Letter 11-01, Performance of Inherently Governmental and Critical Functions, with an effective date of October 12, 2011. The Policy Letter includes: updated and revised definitions; examples of functions that are inherently governmental; examples of functions that are closely associated with the performance of inherently governmental functions; and, federal agency responsibilities for implementing the Policy Letter. The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) will be amended to reflect the updated OFPP guidance. Department of Energy guidance will also be updated as necessary. The OFPP Policy Letter is available in its entirety at:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-09-12/pdf/2011-23165.pdf>.

This Flash will be available online at the following website:

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

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