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Dear Industry Partner,

As you are aware, the current appropriations funding the federal Government expired on 30 September 2025. As a result of the lapse in appropriations DoD enacted a contingency plan, published on <https://www.war.gov/News/Publications/>, via a memorandum signed by the Deputy Secretary of War. This memorandum outlined a process for DoD Components, including the Agency, to designate activities as “excepted” from the effects of a lapse of appropriations and continue to be carried out. This memo does not apply to activities being carried out under ongoing contracts funded under a previous appropriation, up to the limit of funds obligated on contract prior to the lapse in appropriations.

The Agency has reviewed this authority and is implementing a process for designating activities as “excepted” to continue in advance of FY26 appropriations. This process requires approval from an appropriately delegated authority (i.e. Head of the Contracting Activity) prior to ANY contract actions for which no existing funds are available. If activities under a contract are designated as “excepted” the CO will notify the Contractor and issue a contract action, e.g. contract modification, to be signed bilaterally, with the appropriate contract language for enacting the authority (see Class Deviation 2026-O0001). Contractors are reminded that the issuance of the DoD memo is **not** a blanket authorization to proceed without funding – affirmative direction and a bilaterally signed modification, detailing the specific activities which may continue, are necessary prior to any work commencing.

MPO is appreciative of the support from our Industry partners, particularly during this time of uncertainty.

Regards,

The ARC Webmaster

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