

**U.S. Department Of Agriculture
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Office of Procurement and Property Management**

CLASS DEVIATION

SUBJECT: Biobased Products Reporting Requirement

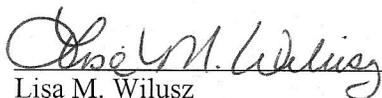
FINDINGS:

On December 7, 2012, OPPM issued a memorandum to all USDA program managers and staff announcing that the required contractor reporting period regarding the purchase of biobased products has been extended to December 31, 2012. USDA has developed a web-based temporary reporting tool at <http://www.biopreferred.gov/FARReporting/FARReporting.xhtml>, where federal contractors may report their purchases of biobased products that have been designated for preferred federal procurement. The site also contains frequently asked questions and step-by-step instructions on how to complete the template and submit it. Video training is also available at <http://www.biopreferred.gov>. A longer term reporting solution is also underway.

In addition, Civilian Agency Acquisition Council Letter 2013-01, issued by the GSA Office of Governmentwide Policy, encourages agencies to issue a class deviation, in accordance with FAR 1.404, to extend the reporting deadline contained in paragraph (c)(2) of the clause at FAR 52.223-2 to December 31, 2012.

DETERMINATION:

In accordance with OPPM and CAAC Letters cited above, I hereby determine that a class deviation shall be issued extending the biobased reporting period through December 31, 2012.



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Date