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MEMORANDUM FOR: Heads of the Contracting Activities

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SUBJECT: **REVISION 1: Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Class Deviation (Number 20-03) – Flexibilities for the Suspending or Debarring Official’s Correspondence with Contractors (FAR 9.4)**

Purpose: This revision updates the basis of the class deviation and the expiration date.

Discussion: On May 12, 2023, a Supplement was issued to *CAAC Letter 2020-03 Class Deviation From the Federal Acquisition Regulation Regarding Flexibilities for the Suspending or Debarring Official’s Correspondence with Contractors* which recognized the benefits from increased flexibilities using electronic means. The Interagency Suspension and Debarment Committee recommended the flexibilities be retained and implemented permanently in the FAR.

Effective Date: Upon signature.

Expiration Date: FAR Case 2019-015 is currently in rulemaking to formally incorporate the changes of this class deviation into the FAR. This class deviation remains in effect until publication of the 2019-015 final FAR rule.

Attachment: Supplement to *CAAC Letter 2020-01 Class Deviation From the Federal Acquisition Regulation Regarding Flexibilities for the Suspending or Debarring Official’s Correspondence with Contractors*

Questions or comments about this class deviation may be directed to Ellen Murray at Ellen.Murray@hq.dhs.gov.