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Dear Industry Partner,

This is to advise the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) contractor community of the DHS plans regarding actions that may be necessary in the event that contract funding is affected by a lapse in appropriations.

As you are aware, a full year appropriation has not been enacted for the current fiscal year and the current continuing resolution expires today, which may result in a lapse in the funds designated to purchase certain supplies and services, as well as a reduction in the Government's capacity to administer DHS contracts. As a consequence, certain planned procurements may be cancelled or postponed and certain existing contracts may be delayed, stopped, reduced in scope, or terminated. Additionally, contract invoice payments may be delayed. Contractors will be notified once funding is available and the Government has returned to normal operations.

Should DHS determine that any of these actions are necessary, if a lapse occurs, the contracting officer for each affected contract will promptly provide appropriate notice to the contractor counterpart in accordance with the terms and conditions of the affected contract. The notice will contain the direction necessary to adjust the contract due to the lapse in the appropriations.

If a contract will not be affected at the onset of the lapse in appropriations, DHS does not plan to provide any separate notifications or communications of that fact. Unless the contracting officer provides a formal notification to the contrary, all DHS contractors must continue to comply with all terms, conditions, requirements and deliveries specified in their contract(s).

We appreciate your continued partnership supporting DHS's mission during this funding uncertainty.

Sincerely,

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