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FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, MA-51
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Consortium Buying
Financial Assistance Letter (FAL) 2001-02
2001 Edition of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)

SUMMARY: **Consortium Buying**

Acquisition Letter 99-04, **Consortium Buying**, dated June 23, 1999 alerted Contracting Officers to the valuable work being done by the Integrated Contractor Purchasing Team (ICPT) for the DOE complex. It advised Contracting Officers (CO) to examine the use of ICPT agreements by their contractors and requested that COs furnish their contractors the URL for the ICPT's homepage.

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The ICPT has revised and updated its home page making it more informative and more user friendly. The new url is: <http://www.hanford.gov/pmm/icpt/home.html>
Contracting Officers are requested to advise their major facilities management contractors of the new WWW address.

Contact Ed Lovett via e-mail at Ed.Lovett@hq.doe.gov for questions related to this subject matter.

Financial Assistance Letter (FAL) 2001-02

FAL 2001-02, Preservation of Open Competition and Government Neutrality Towards Contractors' Labor Relations on Federally Funded Construction Projects implements Executive Order 13202, as amended. It directs contracting officers to include a special provision in financial assistance awards for construction projects. The FAL is effective on August 10, 2001, and will be available online under the "professionals homepage link at www.pr.doe.gov

The FAL has been reviewed by the Deputy Secretary and has been approved for release.

If you have questions, please contact Trudy Wood at (202) 586-5625 or Trudy.Wood@hq.doe.gov.

2001 Edition of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)

There have been so many changes to the FAR that the FAR Council has decided to issue a new edition of the FAR. The 2001 edition of the FAR should be released the first week in August. Future Federal Acquisition Circulars will use the new numbering system based on the 2001 edition of the FAR. The Government Printing Office (GPO) has told the General Services Administration that GPO will publish a paper edition. It appears that each agency will need to order copies from GPO. The cost is \$220.00 and may be purchased by government credit card. Contact the GPO at 202-512-1800 (DC Metro area) or toll free at 1-866-512-1800 for further information.


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