HEADQUARTERS POLICY FLASH

POLICY FLASH 2005-42

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TO: Procurement Directors
FROM: Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, ME-61
Office of Procurement and Assistance Management

SUBJECT: Acquisition Letter 2005-10, Implementation of HSPD-12 and FIPS Pub 201

SUMMARY: This Flash transmits Acquisition Letter 2005-10 to implement Homeland Security Presidential Directive 12 (HSPD-12) and direct the use of Federal Information Processing Standard Publication 201 (FIPS Pub 201) in the solicitation and award of contracts involving physical access to agency premises and electronic authentication and access control to Federal

agencies computer systems and electronic infrastructure. This AL implements HSPD-12 and FIPS Pub 201 by providing specific procedures that require review by designated officials before contracting officers process covered procurements.

The major changes established by this guidance are:

- That solicitations for covered procurements require compliance with the FIPS Pub 201 standards through the use of a model contract clause provided by the AL and a statement of work revised, as necessary, for FIPS Pub 201 compliance;
- That covered procurements already solicited but not yet awarded be reviewed and amended to include the model contract clause and a FIPS Pub 201 compliant statement of work; and
- That active contracts with covered items not yet delivered be reviewed and modified, as necessary, to assure FIPS Pub 201 compliance.

In addition, the AL provides a waiver procedure; explains the AL's application to DOE's management and operating and other major facilities contractors; and explains the application to service contracts.

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