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SUBJECT: Guidance for Services Contract Spending Reductions

1. References:


   c. Memorandum, Deputy Secretary of Defense, 10 January 2013, subject: Handling Budgetary Uncertainty in Fiscal Year 2013.


   e. Memorandum, Chief of Staff of the Army and Secretary of the Army, 16 January 2013, subject: Risk Mitigation in the Face of Fiscal Uncertainty.

   f. Memorandum, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Force Management, Manpower and Resources), 10 August 2012, subject: Contractor Inventory Review and Certification Requirement.


2. References 1a and 1b establish two constraints on contract services spending in Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13). The first constraint limits total obligations for contract services in FY13 to the amounts specified in DOD guidance at ref 1b. The second constraint reduces by 10% the amount spent in FY13 for contract services providing closely associated with inherently government functions. Enclosure 1 contains the required 10% reduction of contract services closely associated with inherently governmental functions for each Command.
3. To ensure obligations for contract services in FY13 do not exceed the DOD limit, the Army Budget Office (ABO) provided guidance in the FY13 OMA appropriation funding letter to each Command to limit execution of FY13 contract service dollars to 10% below their FY12 levels. In addition, ABO developed contract service execution targets for the Procurement appropriation accounts (Enclosure 2). Those targets were based on FY12 execution and are not to be exceeded in FY13.

4. Commands should review their contracts for services and adjust their projections for contract services spending in the Panel for Documentation of Contractors tool to reflect contract service reductions planned for FY13. Commands should discuss their FY13 contract service reduction plans on a monthly basis in conjunction with discussion of the total force in the workforce shaping VTCs hosted by ASA(M&RA) and ASA(FM&C).

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