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U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Contractors and Prospective Contractors

**IMPORTANT NOTICE - MANDATORY CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION
(CCR) ADVISOR**

Effective September 30, 2003, current and future contractors must register at the CCR in order to receive an award, including orders under Multiple Award and Federal Supply Schedule Contracts, from any Federal Agency. This requirement applies to new awards and modifications to existing awards from all Federal Agencies.

After September 30, 2003, contractors not registered in the CCR will not be eligible to receive future awards or orders from the DOE or any other Federal Agency. Therefore, you should register as soon as possible; there is no need to wait until the September 30th implementation date.

The web site address to register with the CCR is: <http://www.ccr.gov/>.

There is no charge to you for registering with the CCR. Note that you will be instructed at the CCR web site on how to obtain a DUNS number if you do not already have one. You must obtain a DUNS number in order to register at the CCR.

Please be advised that the current CCR will be absorbed into the Business Partner Network (BPN). You will not have to re-register for the BPN. During this transition phase, you may see the two terms (CCR and BPN) being used interchangeably.

The CCR/BPN are elements of the Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE), which is an e-Government initiative stemming from the President's Management Agenda. In order to broaden the use and reliance on e-business applications, the in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Council is working with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy to eliminate the need to retain redundant sources of vendor information.

The requirement to register with the CCR/BPN is contained in FAR Case 2002-018, which will be incorporated into the FAR in 2003. The FAR case remains under review and has not yet been released for public comment.

If you have any questions please contact Jenise Connerly, of my staff, at (509) 376-8362.

Sincerely,

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