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IN REPLY REFER TO  
ACQ 021  
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MEMORANDUM FOR NAVFAC ACQUISITION PERSONNEL

Subj: UNIQUE ITEM IDENTIFICATION (UID) REQUIREMENTS (04-05 AM)

Ref: DFARS 52.211-7003

1. NAVFAC was recently advised by the Director, Program Analysis and Business Transformation, DASN (Acquisition Management) that a company that does business with the Navy recently advised them that they have been receiving Request for Proposals (RFPs) that should, but does not, include the new clause requiring contractors to provide unique item identification (UID) marking as required by DFARS 52.211-7003. The company asked the Procuring Contracting Officers (PCOs) if it should include, in its proposed prices, costs for UID related efforts and has been told "no."
2. Although it is recognized there are ongoing concerns and issues regarding organizational readiness and the cost to implement UID requirements, there is no authority that would permit a Department of the Navy (DON) contracting activity to deviate from or to waive the DFARS requirement. Therefore, you are reminded that without specific deviation or waiver authority, you are required to comply with the DFARS requirement which has been in effect since January 1, 2004. In addition, solicitation or contracts that presently do not contain the clause shall be amended or modified to include the clause.
3. Point of Contact for this action is Evelyn Ortiz (202) 685-9164, DSN 325-9164 or email [evelyn.ortiz@navy.mil](mailto:evelyn.ortiz@navy.mil).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "L. Slates".

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