

ATTACHMENT B

[Initial Notification to Contractors re: Lapse in Appropriations]

Dear U.S. Department of Commerce Contractor,

Should a lapse in appropriations occur on October 1, 2013, the U.S. Department of Commerce and its bureaus will be affected and required to shut down all but excepted operations. Department contracts may also be affected. Access to Department facilities will be limited and personnel necessary to administer contract performance may not be available.

Generally, supply and service contracts that are fully funded and do not require access to Department facilities or active administration by Government personnel may continue. That said, if the delivery date of your contract falls during the period of the funding lapse, Government personnel may not be available to receive delivery. You should contact your contracting officer before attempting to make delivery.

If your contract requires access to Department facilities or active administration by Government personnel and is determined "excepted," you will be notified by a Contracting Officer and will be required to continue performance in accordance with the terms and conditions of your contract.

Sincerely,