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POLICY ALERT
No. 12-08
FY2012 Appropriations Provisions -
Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now
(ACORN) Restriction

REFERENCES: [Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy Memorandum dated February 2, 2012, FY12 Appropriations Provisions - ACORN Restrictions](#)

TYPE OF ACTION: Restriction

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

SUMMARY: Section 8103 of the Department of Defense (DoD) Appropriations Act, 2012 (Public Law 112-74, Division A of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012) states, "none of the funds made available under this Act may be distributed to the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) or its subsidiaries".

The ACORN was a collection of community-based organizations in the United States that advocated for low- and moderate-income families by working on neighborhood safety, voter registration, health care, affordable housing, and other social issues. ACORN was shut down in September 2009. However, many chapters and statewide organizations continued to work under different names.

Contracting Officers and Grant officers are precluded from:

- Making new awards to ACORN or its subsidiaries using Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 appropriations;
- Obligating FY 2012 DoD appropriations on awards made previously to ACORN or its subsidiaries; and
- Approving payments to ACORN or its subsidiaries using FY 2012 Department of Defense (DoD) appropriations under existing awards.

In addition, FY 2012 DoD appropriations preclude contractors or recipients from making obligations or payments of those appropriations to ACORN or its subsidiaries as subcontractors, recipients of subawards, or contractors under grants or other assistance awards. Awards subject to this restriction include contracts, grants, or other acquisition or assistance transactions.

ACTION REQUIRED: Effective immediately, Contracting Officers shall comply with the referenced DPAP memorandum.

This Policy Alert is effective on the date indicated above, and remains in effect until revised or otherwise rescinded.

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