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POLICY ALERT
No. 12-44
**Contracting Officer Representatives for Service Contracts
Clarification**

REFERENCE: [Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement Publication Notice 20120615](#), Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement Procedures, Guidance, and Information Case 2012-P012, Contracting Officer Representatives for Service Contracts Clarification

TYPE OF ACTION: Procedures, Guidance, and Information Change

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 15, 2012

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Procedures, Guidance, and Information (PGI) at 201.602-2 to clarify the use of Contracting Officers Representatives (CORs) for Service Contracts. Some key changes include the:

- Required use of the DoD Contracting Officer Representative Tracking Tool to electronically track COR nominations, appointments, terminations, and training certifications for service contracts with a value greater than the micro-purchase threshold.
- Elimination of the requirement that the Contracting Officer (CO) designate a trained COR before award.
- Requirement that the CO designate a COR for all for all service contracts, including both firm fixed price and other than firm fixed price contracts, awarded by a DoD component or by any other Federal agency on behalf of DoD. Three conditions still exist for the exemption of this requirement.
- Requirement that the CO either retain or delegate surveillance activities to a COR or Defense Contract Management Agency for service contracts that are cost reimbursable.

Refer to DFARS Publication Notice 20120615, [PGI Case 2012-P012](#) word document that shows additions in bold font and deleted text with a strike through effect.

ACTION REQUIRED: CO shall comply with these changes to DFARS PGI.

This Policy Alert is effective on the date indicated above, and remains in effect until incorporated into a policy document(s) or until otherwise rescinded.

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