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Mr. Philip G. Read Director Federal Procurement Regulations Directorate Office of Acquisition Policy General Services Administration

Dear Mr. Read:

You requested our comments on a proposed amendment $For_{,}$ to FPR § 1-1.404, Selection, designation, and termination of designation of contracting officers?

The proposed amendment requires agencies to establish procedures concerning the selection, designation and termination of designation of contracting officers. The revision also requires that contracting officer selections and designations be made only by the head of an agency, the head of a procuring activity, or their designees, and further adds criteria to be evaluated in the selection and designation of contracting officers.

We are in favor of the amendment as proposed.

Sincerely yours,

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