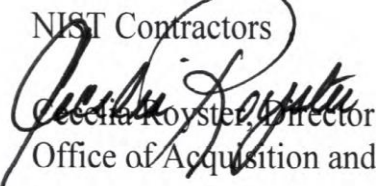




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MEMORANDUM FOR: NIST Contractors

FROM: 
Cecelia Royster, Director
Office of Acquisition and Agreements Management

SUBJECT: Contract Performance Following the End to the Lapse in Appropriations

The lapse in federal appropriations has ended and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), a bureau of the U.S. Department of Commerce, is open and meeting its mission serving the nation. Access to facilities is available and personnel necessary to administer contract performance are now available.

Access to facilities and government resources, including equipment and systems, were limited and personnel necessary to administer contract performance were not available. Generally, supply and service contracts that were funded beyond the date of the lapse in appropriation and did not require access to government facilities or resources, or active administration by Government personnel continued performance.

Any deliveries that were not possible during the period of lapse in appropriations may now be made by coordinating with relevant Government personnel. Contracts with options to be exercised during the period of the lapse in appropriations and contracts needing funding will require communication with the relevant Contracting Officers. If you have a contract that you believe was affected by lack of access or lack of Government personnel, please contact your Contracting Officer.

If you have questions on any aspect of the recent lapse in appropriations, or any other question regarding NIST acquisition activities, please contact your Contracting Officer.