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The following message is sent on behalf of Dr. Michael E. Wooten, Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy

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Subject: Update to Guidance on Application of National Interest Action (NIA) Code to Increase Transparency

The purpose of this note is to advise you that OFPP is broadening application of the National Interest Action (NIA) code (P20C) that was added to FPDS on March 13, 2020 to track procurement actions related to COVID-19. Effective immediately:

- Agencies should assign this NIA code to all procurement actions reported into FPDS that are issued in response to the pandemic. This includes new awards for supplies and services as well as modifications that are issued to address COVID-19, irrespective of whether the contract being modified was originally awarded to address COVID-19.
- The code should also be used in connection with any procurement authority, including but not limited to special emergency procurement authorities identified under FAR Subpart 18.2.

With the passage of the CARES Act, the government’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to grow. These changes will better support full, clear, and consistent transparency in the tracking of COVID-related procurement actions in FPDS.

Please note that this guidance modifies the guidance provided in FAQ # 11 regarding the scope of activities covered by the NIA and supersedes FAQ #12 in OMB Memorandum M-20-18. These changes will be reflected in future OMB guidance.