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Mr. William D. Travers
Executive Director for Operations
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, DC 20555-0001

Dear Mr. Travers:

This responds to your letter of April 17, 2000, requesting an extension of our concurrence in your determination to waive the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) notice requirements for technical assistance and confirmatory research projects under your Procurement Reinvention Laboratory, in accordance with FAR 5.202(b).

We have discussed this matter with Ms. Mary Lynn Scott and Ms. Elois Wiggins of your office and reviewed the documentation provided to support your request. This documentation includes a market survey conducted through a CBD announcement that supports your conclusion that there are a relatively small number of qualified contractors available to perform the unique work covered by the waiver. The documentation also shows that the waiver has been used for a limited number of contracts (thirty over a six year period) and that you have specific guidance in place for procurement personnel on the appropriate use of the waiver authority. Under these circumstances, we concur in your determination to extend the waiver, provided that it is limited to a two year period and that covered contract actions are awarded in compliance with the policies and procedures prescribed in FAR Part 6.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kenneth J. Oscar".

Kenneth J. Oscar
Deputy Administrator (Acting)