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FROM: SAF/AQC
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SUBJECT: Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) Authority for Contingency Contracting

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify the language of AFFARS 5301.601-91(c), 5301.601-93(a) and Appendix CC, Part 2, Section CC-201. For contingency contracting officers (CCOs) deployed in support of JCS-declared contingency operations or exercises, the commander of the Air Force component command, tasked to support the "supported commander" (as defined in JP 1-02), is the HCA for contracting actions executed by the CCO, regardless of the geographic area of the CCO's deployment. However, for CCOs deployed for the sole purpose of augmenting an established contracting office, or contracting officers providing collateral support to the operation or exercise from their home base, the HCA remains as specified in AFFARS 5301.601-91(a) for that contracting office.

It is extremely important the tasked CINC have control of the resources specifically assigned to the operation or exercise. Therefore, with the limited exceptions described above, contracting authority must flow to all deployed CCOs from the same commander. Questions should be directed to Major Harold Cunningham, SAF/AQCP, DSN 425-7056 or Major Cedric Wilson, SAF/AQCX, DSN 425-7227.

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