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Background: Earlier this fiscal year, the Office of Management and Budget issued its final rule regarding changes to Prompt Payment. The final ruling, 5 CFR Part 1315, rescinds OMB Circular A-125.

Instructions: The most substantive change to the Prompt Payment regulations is Part 1315.5 - Accelerated Payment Methods. This section outlines three instances when an invoice may be approved for payment without waiting for the normal 30 day period to elapse. The three instances are, (1) a single invoice under \$2,500, (2) any invoice from a small business (as defined in FAR 19.001), and (3) emergency/disaster payments (as defined by 42 U.S.C. 5121 and 42 U.S.C. 9606).

Payments in these three instances can be made as quickly as possible, when all proper documentation is received in the payment office. Proper documentation consists of: the contract, proper invoice, receipt and acceptance documents or any other agreements are matched.

Please refer to your Regional RDE/FFS manual, or Regional FFS Coordinator, regarding how to enter a payment using the FASTPAY method.

If there are any questions regarding this matter, please contact Ed Buskirk at (703) 358-1742.

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