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**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**  
**The Deputy Under Secretary for**  
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Administrators  
Staff Office Directors

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SUBJECT: Delegation of Source Selection Authority

The Commerce Acquisition Manual (CAM), Chapter 15.2, establishes Formal Source Selection processes for Department of Commerce operating units within NOAA Source Selection Authority. Source Selection Authority is delegated to the Deputy Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere (DUS). The NOAA Acquisition Handbook, assigns Source Selection Authority for all competitive acquisitions over \$10 million, unless specifically re-delegated, to the DUS.

Since October 2004, re-delegation requests have been granted for the majority of the covered acquisitions. Our acquisition and review processes in place have ensured those acquisitions have been processed in accord with law and regulation. Therefore, I am delegating Source Selection Authority for competitive acquisitions up to \$50 million to Assistant Administrators and Staff Office Directors, with re-delegation authority no lower than the Deputy Assistant Administrator. The authority to rescind this delegation for specific competitive acquisitions of any dollar value remains in place.

This delegation will be incorporated in the next update to the NOAA Acquisition Handbook.

