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Folks,

The purpose of this message is to announce that AGO will be forming a consolidated Simplified Acquisition Team in Silver Spring effective Tuesday, 7/22/08.
Each AGO Purchasing Agent in our Silver Spring Acquisition Divisions will be assigned to this Team.
This will include those Silver Spring AGO Purchasing Agents supporting other DOC Bureaus.
We will not physically move any of our Purchasing Agents. Instead, they will form a virtual team, and will be under the supervision of our NESDIS-AD HCO, Marilyn Whaley.

This measure will not impact any AGO Purchasing Agents in our Regional Acquisition Divisions.

We hope to capitalize upon efficiencies that can be achieved from consolidation of our Simplified Acquisition expertise, while freeing our Contract Specialists and Contracting Officers to focus their efforts on completion of NOAA's more complex acquisitions. We have found this approach to be successful in our Regional Acquisition Divisions, and expect to reap similar benefits in our Silver Spring Divisions.

In the coming days, Maureen and I will be meeting with the Marilyn and the members of this Team, and will discuss our expectations with them.

This move should be transparent to the customers we support.
We intend to minimize disruption of ongoing work by maintaining established working relationships between our Purchasing Agents, and the customers they currently support.

This is one of the initial measures we are implementing to improve the acquisition process in NOAA, based on the Acquisition BPR recommendations.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Dan