



REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Notification of Fiscal Year 2014 (FY14) Year-End Cut-Off for Acquisition Services

1. The following guidance is provided to assist with FY14 year-end cut-off of acquisition services for the US Army Medical Research and Materiel Command (USAMRMC). These cut-off dates are the minimum time needed to ensure FY14 awards and FY15 first quarter starts are met.

2. The need for acquisition planning and requirements development within the USAMRMC is critical to ensure your acquisition requirements are executed in a timely manner. Complying with the established cut-off dates contained herein is essential for all requiring activities. Unexpected requirements and modification requests that materialize during the year-end surge must follow the process set forth in paragraph 6 of this memorandum prior to submitting the Purchase Request (PR). Proper advance planning and coordination with your US Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity (USAMRAA) Branch Chiefs will keep these to a minimum.

3. Please review your award requirements and determine FY14 and early FY15 needs. Immediate action should be taken to submit a complete requirements package before the specified cut-off date. Provide the appropriate USAMRAA Branch Chief with as much lead time as possible, but not less than that outlined below.

4. Acquisition priorities for the FY are as follows:

a. Requirements using expiring funds (FY12 Procurement funds, FY13 Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDT&E) funds and FY14 Operations and Maintenance funds).

b. Requirements generated from urgent and compelling needs.

c. Services requiring an October 2014 start date.

d. All other funded requirements.

e. There is no statutory requirement to award FY14 RDT&E funds by 30 September 2014. However, it is my intent that 90 percent of FY14 RDT&E funds will be obligated by the end of the FY. The USAMRAA will make every effort to assist funding managers in meeting this objective.

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5. During a time when there is a high workload, it is critical that requirements be submitted in a timely manner. Not only do late submissions carry the risk of not being awarded by 30 September 2014, they create a negative impact on the entire acquisition posture and the supporting activities involved.

6. In order for the USAMRAA staff to meet contracting requirements, it is imperative that all units submit all PRs with expiring funds, to include all requirement documentation, to the USAMRAA no later than the dates provided in the enclosure. All requests for late submission that originate from the customer/requiring activity (Laboratory Commander/Director to the USAMRMC, Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff) must be in writing. The written request shall provide a brief description of the requirement, the circumstances surrounding the late submission, the reason why it could not have been submitted prior to the cut-off date, and the reason why it must be awarded by 30 September 2014. The USAMRMC Deputy Commander or Chief of Staff will forward the PR and supporting documentation to the USAMRAA for consideration. The USAMRAA will notify the USAMRMC Deputy Commander, Chief of Staff, and Laboratory Commander as to the ability to perform the requirement.

7. PRs with non-expiring funds for work required after first quarter FY15 will be accepted at USAMRAA and prioritized based on remaining workload involving expiring dollars and/or instructions from the USAMRMC Deputy Commander and Chief of Staff.

8. The USAMRAA staff stands ready to support. They will do their best to obligate your funds by year-end, but they must have your support and assistance. If you have any questions about this schedule, please contact your USAMRAA Branch Chief or Mr. Brian Martin, Director, at 301-619-8808, DSN 343-8808, or brian.e.martin60.civ@mail.mil.

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**CUT-OFF DATES FOR SUBMISSION OF END OF
FY14 REQUIREMENTS**

Requirements received by the appropriate cut-off date will have a target award date of not later than 30 September 2014.

Open Market

\$6.5M to \$250M (supplies, equipment, services)	1 April 2014
\$150,000 to \$6.5M (supplies, equipment, services)	1 May 2014

Assistance Agreements (BAA & PA)	1 June 2014
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Orders Placed Against IDIQ Contracts, GSA, or Master Contracts	
Over \$5M	1 June 2014
Under \$5M	1 July 2014

Purchase Orders to be placed prior to 30 September 2014 under Simplified Acquisition Procedure Requirements	
Under \$150,000 (supplies, equipment, services)	1 July 2014

Modifications	
Priced modifications (including de-obligations)	1 August 2014

Exercise Options as Written	1 August 2014
Actions for exercising an Option should be submitted at least 60 days prior to expiration of the contract, but not later than 1 August 2014.	

Note: Submission of an acceptable requirements package as determined by the Contracting Officer/Grants Officer must be received by the dates above.

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