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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL CONTRACTING OFFICERS AND NEGOTIATORS

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SUBJECT: Procurement Reform: Use of the Electronic Funds Transfer Payment Clause (FAR 52.232-28)

One recommendation of the National Performance Review is that the Government make maximum use of Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). In particular, it has been recommended that the EFT payment clause in FAR 52.232-28 be included in all Government contracts.

It is hereby directed that the EFT clause in FAR 52.232-28 be included in all AID direct contracts originated subsequent to your receipt of this CIB. To the extent you can place the EFT clause in solicitations now in process, or in current contracts, please do so.

Please note that the EFT clause leaves the choice of payment system to the Government. The choice will be made by the cognizant AID Controller. Also note that the EFT clause requires submission of EFT information to the "Contracting Officer or the Government official, as directed." You should designate the authorized Certifying Officer of the Paying Office, as currently provided in the AIDAR Documentation for Payment clause in AIDAR 752.7003, to receive the required EFT information.

The EFT clause supplements the AIDAR Documentation for Payment clause and the appropriate FAR payment clause, it is to be used in addition to these clauses, and not in place of them.

This CIB supersedes the applicability statements in FAR 32.908 (d) and 52.232-28 for the use of the EFT clause.