

**Department of
Veterans Affairs**

Memorandum

Date: APR 27 2015

From: Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics (003A)

Subj: Mandatory Use Provisions Temporarily Suspended for Janitorial and Sanitation Supplies (VAIQ 7532850)

To: Heads of Contracting Activities

1. This is in reference to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Logistics memorandum, dated April 10, 2015, regarding the use of the Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative Blanket Purchase Agreements for janitorial and sanitation supplies.
2. The mandatory use provision in referenced memorandum pertaining to the limited set of items that the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) has identified as standardized for use across the VHA are temporarily suspended pending resolution of a legal challenge filed in the Court of Federal Claims.
3. The Blanket Purchase Agreements awarded as part of the General Services Administration's Federal Strategic Sourcing Initiative for janitorial and sanitation supplies remain available for use by all Department of Veterans Affairs organizations. Only the mandatory use provisions relating to the list of standardized items is suspended.
4. It is impossible to predict how quickly the legal challenge will be resolved. This office will inform addressees when additional information is available.



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