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Elizabeth Callway  
Director, Sponsored Project Accounts/Receivables  
Carnegie Mellon University  
5000 Forbes Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890

SUBJECT: Contractor Purchasing System Review (CPSR): Carnegie Mellon University

Dear Ms. Callway:

Continued approval of the University's Purchasing System is hereby extended until 30 October 2025 in accordance with FAR 44.305. The continued extension is due to the low level of risk to the Government under recommendation of the Purchasing System Review Branch.

It is expressly noted that this approval is subject to the following:

1. The approval does and shall apply to all Federal Government contracts and/or grants at the University to the extent that cross-serving agreements exist;
2. The approval constitutes a waiver of the contractual requirements for advance notification of the placement of subcontracts, subgrants or other agreements with respect to fix priced contractual or granting agreements but not as to such agreements, contracts or grants of the cost reimbursement type;
3. The approval constitutes a waiver of the contractual requirements for consent to enter into subcontracts, subgrants or other subagreements in fixed priced agreements, contracts or grants as well as for subcontracts expressly approved in cost reimbursable agreements, excluding those subcontracts, subagreements or subgrants, if any, selected for special surveillance in the prime agreement or unless expressly required by the instrument;
4. The approval does not constitute a waiver under cost reimbursable contracts to either (1) provide advance notification to, or, (2) obtain the consent of the cognizant contracting officer where it is intended that the University will place a proposed subcontract, subgrant, or other subagreement, and there is an express requirement to provide such notice and receive such consent;

5. The approval shall terminate when or if any significant change or changes, as determined by the government, occur in the system unless the intended change or changes have received the express written approval of this office prior to implantation;
6. The approval given under this letter does not, nor shall it be construed to be, a determination as to the acceptability or allowability of any cost or price under an issued subcontract, subgrant or other subagreement;
7. The approval does not, nor shall it be construed to, relieve the University of any contractual obligations, except as otherwise specified herein; and,
8. The approval may be withdrawn or terminated at any time by this office as its sole discretion, or upon a determination that the cited system is found to be inadequate to protect the Government's interests. Such determination shall be solely within the province of the Government.

If you should have any questions, please contact Kevin McCormick, at 312-886-2649 or via email at [kevin.m.mccormick23.civ@us.navy.mil](mailto:kevin.m.mccormick23.civ@us.navy.mil).

Sincerely,

Kevin M McCormick  
Senior Administrative Contracting Officer

Cc:  
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