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Lapse in Appropriations Notice to Contractors

The District Court of New Jersey is issuing this notice to apprise the Court's contractor community of plans regarding contract actions that may be necessary if contract funding is affected by a lapse in appropriations, better known as a Federal Government Shutdown.

Unless notified in writing by a contracting officer, all Court contractors must continue to fulfill their contractual obligations to the judiciary in the event of a government shutdown, i.e., contractors must continue to comply with all terms, conditions, and delivery and performance requirements specified in their contracts during the period covered by a lapse in appropriations.

The Court will not provide a separate notification or communication for contracts that will not be affected by the lapse in appropriations.

The budget for the upcoming fiscal year has not yet been enacted, which could result in a temporary loss of funding for contracted supplies and services and limit the Judiciary's ability to manage its contracts.

A shutdown, a sovereign act of the Government, may prevent contractors and the Judiciary from fulfilling their contractual obligations to each other due to circumstances beyond their control. In other cases, the Government may cancel planned procurements, reduce the scope of contracts, stop work under contracts, or terminate contracts.

Should judiciary contracting officers determine that any of these actions is necessary, or that contractors or the Judiciary will be unable to fulfill their obligations due to a shutdown, a contracting officer will provide contractors with prompt notice and instructions for each affected contract.

Thank you for your continued support and business with the Federal Judiciary, and for your cooperation as we work together to manage a potential lapse in appropriations.