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MEMORANDUM FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONTRACTORS

SUBJECT: COVID-19 Impact on Small Business

To Our Army Small Business Community:

The COVID-19 pandemic is having a devastating impact on American small businesses. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which was signed into law on March 27, 2020, contains provisions to help businesses address the economic fallout stemming from COVID-19. In addition to aid available to all businesses, the CARES Act also contains allowances for government contracts. This includes the ability for contracting officers to modify the terms and conditions of contracts and provide reimbursement for contractor employee leave when certain conditions are met. I urge you to read the CARES Act, visit the Small Business Administration (https://www.SBA.gov) and Department of Treasury (https://home.treasury.gov/policy-issues/small-business-programs) websites, and discuss any needed relief with your contracting officer. Our Army Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP) website provides a consolidated list of references and websites to help you navigate to these resources.

The Army appreciates your contributions during this critical time in our Nation's history. The Army's small business professionals stand ready to assist you in any way we can. The OSBP website provides functionality for you to submit questions, concerns and real-time insight on COVID-19 related challenges. I encourage you to engage with us through this platform at: https://osbp.army.mil/Contact-Us.

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