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The agency head's designee for the subject procurements is the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA). The HCA may redelegate this authority no lower than the Chief of the Contracting Office or to any SES in the Contracting Office.

Please ensure that cognizant contracting personnel are aware of this authority. My point of contact is Mr. Clarence M. Belton. He can be reached by e-mail belton.Clarence@hq.navy.mil or by phone at (703) 602-2807.

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