

Date: August 8, 2016

From: Deputy Senior Procurement Executive

Subj: Class Deviation—VAAR 806.304 Approval of the Justification (VAIQ 7716829)

To: VA Heads of Contracting Activities (HCAs)

1. **Purpose:** Issue a class deviation from VAAR 806.304, “Approval of Justification” to delete VAAR 806.304(a).
2. **VAAR Sections Impacted:** VAAR 806.304.
3. **Effective Date:** Immediately.
4. **Expiration Date:** Effective until incorporated in VAAR or the VA Acquisition Manual (VAAM) or is otherwise rescinded.
5. **Applicability:** This deviation applies to all VA contracting activities.

6. Background:

a. Current Policy: VAAR 806.304, “Approval of the Justification” provides the authorities who may approve a justification based upon proposed contract amount and thresholds described at FAR 6.304.

b. Need for Deviation: This deviation is needed to delete VAAR 806.304(a), including Table 806.304-1 and VAAR 806.304(b) to reflect threshold change from \$50 million to the FAR threshold in 6.304(a)(3).

c. New Policy: VAAR 806.304 is deleted and marked as “RESERVED”. Justifications shall be approved in accordance with the approving officials and thresholds specified in FAR 6.304.

7. **Attachment:** VA Class Deviation from VAAR 806.304.

8. **Additional Information:** Direct any questions or comments to Procurement Policy and Warrant Management Services via email at vacovaproc@va.gov or (202) 632-5288.

/s/
Sheila P. Darrell

**Class Deviation from VAAR 806.304
Determination and Findings**

Findings

VAAR 806.304 describes policy for approval of sole source justifications. The approval thresholds in VAAR 806.304 are not consistent with recent FAR 6.304 threshold changes. VAAR 806.304 is deleted and justifications shall be approved in accordance with the approving officials and thresholds specified in FAR 6.304.

Determination

In accordance with FAR 1.404 and VA Acquisition Regulation (VAAR) 801.404, I hereby issue a class deviation to delete VAAR 806.304.

/s/ _____
Sheila P. Darrell
Acting Deputy Senior Procurement Executive

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Date

Attachment

Class Deviation

Department of Veterans Affairs Acquisition Regulation 806.304, Approval of justification

806.304 RESERVED.

END