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Communication from the United States

The following communication from the Permanent Mission of the United States was received on 19 September 2001, with the request that it be circulated to the Parties to the Agreement on Government Procurement.

Pursuant to recent changes in US Federal regulations for publishing information relating to procurement by Federal agencies, the United States wishes to inform the Committee that the references to the "Commerce Business Daily" in Appendix II and Appendix III of the Agreement on Government Procurement (GPA) should be deleted and replaced with the new Federal "single point of entry" web site:

"Federal Business Opportunities (<http://www.fedbizopps.gov>)"

Effective 1 October 2001, Federal regulations require that all Federal agencies publish notices of intended procurements (Article IX:1 of the GPA), post-award notices (Article XVIII:1 of the GPA), and any notices relating to permanent lists of qualified suppliers (Article XI:9 of the GPA) in this publication. The regulations allow, but do not require Federal entities to continue to publish notices in the Commerce Business Daily and other electronic or paper publications.

This change in the publication of information on procurement by US Federal agencies does not affect the references in Appendix II and Appendix III to publications used by Annex 2 and Annex 3 entities.
