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TO: Addressees

FROM: Fred Dietrich

SUBJECT: Planning for Revision of OMB Bulletin No. 81-22, "Patents - Small Business Firms and Non-Profit Organizations"

During the final days of the comment period for the subject Bulletin, agencies with significant R&D expenditures that had not commented on the Bulletin were asked to do so by the end of September in order to consider their concerns during the preparation of the final regulation by OFPP/OMB. That final regulation will be circulated to agencies and associations before final issuance.

I have been advised that modification to the Bulletin will be the subject of discussions at a meeting on October 16, 1981, of the Patent Subcommittee of the Interagency Committee on Procurement Policy. To facilitate evaluation by OFPP/OMB of any modification to the regulation coming out of the October 16 meeting, we will provide a digest of comments received correlated with paragraphs in the Bulletin. We request any recommendations developed for presentation to OFPP/OMB be included in the same format with appropriate reconciliation between the Bulletin, the comments and your proposed modifications.

Your cooperation will enable an orderly and coordinated transition from the Bulletin to a final regulation in the form of an OMB Circular. There is still a probability that a group of Government and private sector patent representatives will be convened by OFPP/OMB to resolve a few controversial issues.

Your continued cooperation and support of this important effort is appreciated.

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