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and effective use of existing resources, as well as opportunities to lever-
age nonfederal public and private resources and nontraditional conserva-
tion programs.

(ii) Annual reports. By September 30, 2011, and September 30, 2012, the
Initiative shall submit reports on its progress in implementing the action
plan developed pursuant to subsection (c)(i)(D) of this section.

Sec. 3. General Provisions.

(a) This memorandum shall be implemented consistent with applicable
law and subject to the availability of any necessary appropriations.

(b) This memorandum does not create any right or benefit, substantive
or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the
United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees,
or agents, or any other person.

(c) The heads of executive departments and agencies shall assist and pro-
vide information to the Initiative, consistent with applicable law, as may
be necessary to carry out the functions of the Initiative. Each executive de-
partment and agency shall bear its own expenses of participating in the Ini-
tiative.

(d) Nothing in this memorandum shall be construed to impair or other-
wise affect the functions of the Director of the OMB relating to budgetary,
administrative, or legislative proposals.

(e) The Chair of the CEQ is authorized and directed to publish this
memorandum in the Federal Register.

       BARACK OBAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE,

Memorandum of April 20, 2010

Delegation of Certain Functions Under Section 1265 of the

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

By the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws
of the United States, including section 301 of title 3, United States Code,
I hereby delegate to you the functions and authority conferred upon the
President by section 1265 of the National Defense Authorization Act for
Fiscal Year 2010, Public Law 111–84, to make the specified report to the
Congress.
Title 3—The President

You are authorized and directed to notify the appropriate congressional committees and publish this memorandum in the Federal Register.

BARACK OBAMA

THE WHITE HOUSE,

Memorandum of April 26, 2010

Establishing an Interagency Task Force on Federal Contracting Opportunities for Small Businesses

Memorandum for the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies

The Federal Government is the world’s largest purchaser of goods and services, with purchases totaling over $500 billion per year. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) and other national investments are providing new opportunities for small businesses to compete for Federal contracts, and it is critical that these investments tap into the talents and skills of a broad cross-section of American business and industry. Small businesses must be able to participate in the Nation’s economic recovery, including businesses owned by women, minorities, socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and service-disabled veterans of our Armed Forces. These businesses should be able to compete and participate effectively in Federal contracts.

The Congress has established a number of statutory goals designed to help small businesses compete for Federal contracts. In addition to the goal of awarding at least 23 percent of all Federal prime contracting dollars to small businesses, the Congress also established Government-wide contracting goals for participation by small businesses that are located in Historically Underutilized Business Zones (at least 3 percent) or that are owned by women (at least 5 percent), socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (at least 5 percent), and service-disabled veterans (at least 3 percent). These aspirational goals help ensure that all Americans share in the jobs and opportunities created by Federal procurement.

In recent years, the Federal Government has not consistently reached its small business contracting goals. Although we have made some progress—particularly with respect to Recovery Act contracts—more work can and should be done. I am committed to ensuring that small businesses, including firms owned by women, minorities, socially and economically disadvantaged individuals, and service-disabled veterans, have fair access to Federal Government contracting. Indeed, where small businesses have the capacity to do more, we should strive to exceed the statutory goals. While Chief Acquisition Officers and Senior Procurement Executives have many priorities, small business contracting should always be a high priority in the procurement process.

Obtaining tangible results will require an honest and accurate accounting of our progress so that we can have transparency and accountability