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The Honorable David S. C. Chu
Under Secretary of Defense
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Dear Dr. Chu:

We are approving your January 13, 2009 request to extend Schedule A authority 213.3106(b)(10), which covers positions in direct support of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan. This authority is extended to October 1, 2012 The authority is amended to read:

> **213.3106 Department of Defense**
> (b)(10) "Temporary or time-limited positions in direct support of U.S. Government efforts to rebuild and create an independent, free, and secure Iraq and Afghanistan, when no other appropriate appointing authority applies. Positions will generally be located in iraq or Afghanistan, but may be in other locations, including the United States, when directly supporting operations in Iraq or in Afghanistan. No new appointments may be made under this authority after October 1, 2012."

We find that the situations and circumstances justifying your original request continue to exist along with the rebuilding efforts in both Iraq and Afghanistan. In making appointments under this authority, please cite the appointing authority on the Notification of Personnel Action, SF-50, as "Schedule A, 213.3106(b)(10)."

If you have any questions about this extension, please contact Hakeem Basheerud-Deen on (202) 606-1434, or by email at hakeem.basheerud-deen@opm.gov. You may also contact your Office of Personnel Managment Human Capital Officer for the U.S. Department of Defense, Ms. Margaret Haack on (404) 331-3451, ext 243, or by e-mail at margaret.haack@opm.gov.

Sincerely,

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