# DHS DSO/ACO Priority Rating Authorization under the Federal Priorities and Allocations System

**[Note: This template may be used for contracts issued under either the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS) or the Agriculture Priorities and Allocations System (APAS), as appropriate]**

Date

To**: [Name/Office of Contracting Officer]**

From: **[Name/Office of DSO/ACO]**

Subject: Approval for the placement of a DPAS **[or APAS]** priority-rated order

I have reviewed the attached contract request and have determined that:

1. The program activity to **[describe the request]** falls within the **DHS [insert name of program from appendix 3]** Approved Program and, thereby, qualifies to be supported using rated orders; and
2. The materials **[or services]** to be procured in support of this qualifying activity are eligible to be procured using a DPAS **[or APAS]** rated order.

Therefore, I am directing placement of **a [select DO-N1 through DO-N8 or DO-P1, as appropriate to match the approved program]** priority rating for this contract.

Contracting officers will ensure that the provisions of the DPAS regulation, including 15 CFR 700.13 (Elements of a Rated Order) and 700.15 (Extension of Priority Ratings) **[or the APAS regulation (7 CFR 789.12 (Elements of a Rated Order) and 789.15 (Extension of Priority Ratings)]**, are satisfied when issuing the contract.