

4. Interim Federal Telecommunications Standards are non-mandatory.

5. LMR standards, also called Project 25, is a joint effort that includes state governments, represented by the National Association of State Telecommunications Directors (NASTD), and local governments represented by the Association of Public-safety Communications Officials (APCO) to develop common standards for (LMR).

6. Proposed Interim Federal Standard 001101 will adopt Telecommunication Industry Association (TIA) TSB 102. Proposed Interim Federal Standard 001102 will adopt TIA TSB 102BAAA and TIA TSB 102BAAB (now in draft). Proposed Interim Federal Standard 001104 will adopt TIA Interim Standard 102AAAA and National Security Agency Specification V23-94-1 (for the encryption of classified information). Proposed Interim Federal Standard 001107 will adopt TIA TSB 102CAAA and TSB 102CAAB (now in draft). Proposed Interim Federal Standard 001108 will adopt TIA Interim Standard 102BABA.

7. Requests for copies of the proposed Interim Federal Standard 001101, 001102, 001104, 001107, and 001108 should be directed to the National Communications System, Office of Technology and Standards, Attn: NT, 701 South Court House Road, Arlington, VA 22204-2198.

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Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation.

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#### [GSA Bulletin FTR 19]

#### **Federal Travel Regulation; Reimbursement of Higher Actual Subsistence Expenses for Official Travel to Per Diem Localities Impacted by the Atlanta, Georgia, 1996 Olympic Games**

**AGENCY:** Office of Policy, Planning and Evaluation, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice of bulletin.

**SUMMARY:** The attached bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to locations in the state of Georgia, and other proposed surrounding areas, due to the escalation of lodging rates during the 1996 Olympic Games. It is anticipated that higher actual subsistence expense reimbursement rates will be approved

for other localities still in the process of review which will impact different time periods.

**EFFECTIVE DATES:** These special rates are applicable to claims for reimbursement covering travel to the Atlanta area in Georgia during the period June 20 through August 25, 1996; and to the Peachtree City and Newnan areas of Georgia during the period June 25 through August 6, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Devoanna R. Reels, General Services Administration, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301-8.3(c) and at the request of the Departments of Commerce and Justice, increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that agencies may approve for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to certain Georgia areas impacted by the 1996 Olympic Games. The attached GSA Bulletin FTR 19 is issued to inform agencies of the establishment of this special actual subsistence expense ceiling.

Dated: May 23, 1996.

Becky Rhodes,

Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Transportation and Personal Property.

Attachment

[GSA Bulletin FTR 19]

May 23, 1996

TO: Heads of Federal agencies.

SUBJECT: Reimbursement of higher actual subsistence expenses for official travel to per diem localities impacted by the Atlanta, Georgia, 1996 Olympic Games.

1. *Purpose.* This bulletin informs agencies of the establishment of a special actual subsistence expense ceiling for official travel to locations in the state of Georgia, and other proposed surrounding areas, due to the escalation of lodging rates during the 1996 Olympic Games. This special rate applies to claims for reimbursement covering travel during periods as specified in paragraph 3, below.

2. *Background.* The Federal Travel Regulation (FTR) (41 CFR chapters 301-304) part 308-8 permits the Administrator of General Services to establish a higher maximum daily rate for the reimbursement of actual subsistence expenses of Federal employees on official travel to an area within the continental United States. The head of an agency may request

establishment of such a rate when special or unusual circumstances result in an extreme increase in subsistence costs for a temporary period. The Departments of Commerce and Justice requested establishment of such a rate for areas impacted by the 1996 Olympic Games to accommodate employees who perform temporary duty there and experience a temporary but significant increase in lodging costs due to the escalation of lodging prices. These circumstances justify the need for higher subsistence expense reimbursement for designated localities as specified in paragraph 3, below.

3. *Maximum rate, effective date, and affected localities.* The Administrator of General Services, pursuant to 41 CFR 301-8.3(c), has increased the maximum daily amount of reimbursement that may be approved for actual and necessary subsistence expenses for official travel to some Georgia localities as sites for the 1996 Olympic Games. This special reimbursement rate applied for travel to the following areas of Georgia:

#### *Atlanta Area*

Counties of Clayton, Cobb, DeKalb, Fulton, and Gwinnett; a higher actual subsistence expense reimbursement rate not to exceed \$357 (\$323 maximum for lodging and a \$34 allowance for meals and incidental expenses (M&IE)) for Federal employee travel during the period June 20 through August 25, 1996.

#### *Peachtree City and Newnan Areas*

Counties of Fayette and Coweta, respectively; a higher actual subsistence expense reimbursement rate not to exceed \$151 (\$125 maximum for lodging and a \$26 allowance) for Federal employee travel during the period June 25 through August 6, 1996.

4. *Other proposed localities.* The General Services Administration (GSA) has received a number of inquiries concerning extraordinary expenses that will be incurred by Federal employees required to perform official travel during the 1996 Olympic Games. Other Federal agencies have identified differing localities and time frames for consideration. Because of the extraordinary nature created by these unusual circumstances, it is anticipated that higher actual subsistence expense reimbursement rates will be approved for other localities which will impact different time periods. In order to keep Federal agencies apprised, GSA will issue supplements, as necessary, to this bulletin.

5. *Expiration date.* This bulletin expires on December 31, 1996.

6. *For further information contact.* Devoanna R. Reels, General Services Administration, Travel and Transportation Management Policy Division (MTT), Washington, DC 20405, telephone 202-501-1538.

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### **Change in Solicitation Procedures Under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program**

**AGENCY:** Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Title VII of the "Business Opportunity Development Reform Act of 1988" (Public Law 100-656) established the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program and designated nine (9) agencies, including GSA, to conduct the program over a four (4) year period from January 1, 1989 to December 31, 1992. The Small Business Opportunity Enhancement Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-366) extended the demonstration program until September 1996 and made certain changes in the procedures for operation of the demonstration program. The law designated four (4) industry groups for testing whether the competitive capabilities of the specified industry groups will enable them to successfully compete on an unrestricted basis. The four (4) industry groups are: construction (except dredging); architectural and engineering (A&E) services (including surveying and mapping); refuse systems and related services (limited to trash/garbage collection); and non-nuclear ship repair. Under the program, when a participating agency misses its small business participation goal, restricted competition is reinstituted only for those contracting activities that failed to attain the goal. The small business goal is 40 percent of the total contract dollars awarded for construction, trash/garbage collection services, and non-nuclear ship repair and 35 percent of the total contract dollars awarded for architect-engineer services. This notice announces modifications to GSA's solicitation practices under the demonstration program based on a review of the agency's performance during the period from April 1, 1995 to March 31, 1996. Modifications to solicitation practices are outlined in the Supplementary Information section below and apply to solicitations issued on or after July 1, 1996.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Wisnowski, Office of GSA Acquisition Policy, (202) 501-1224.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Procurements of construction or trash/garbage collection with an estimated value of \$25,000 or less will be reserved for emerging small business concerns in accordance with the procedures outlined in the interim policy directive issued by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (58 FR 13513, March 11, 1993).

Procurement of construction or trash/garbage collection with an estimated value that exceeds \$25,000 by GSA contracting activities will be made in accordance with the following procedures;

#### *Construction Services in Groups 15, 16, and 17:*

Procurement for all construction services (except solicitations issued by GSA contracting activities in Regions 1, 3, 5, 6, and 9 in SIC Group 15) shall be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Procurements for construction services in SIC Group 15 issued by GSA contracting activities in Regions 1, 3, 5, 6, and 9 shall be set aside for small business when there is a reasonable expectation of obtaining competition from two or more small businesses. If no expectation exists, the procurements will be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Region 1 encompasses the states of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

Region 3 encompasses the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland (except Montgomery and Prince Georges counties), and Virginia (except the city of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William).

Region 5 encompasses the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Region 6 encompasses the states of Iowa, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska.

Region 9 encompasses the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada.

#### *Trash/garbage collection services in PSC S205:*

Procurement for trash/garbage collection services in PSC S205 will be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

#### *Architect-Engineer services (all PSC codes under the Demonstration Program):*

Procurements for all architect-engineer services (except procurements issued by contracting activities in GSA Regions 3, 4, 5, 9, and the National

Capital Region) shall be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Procurements for architect-engineer services issued by contracting activities in Regions 3, 4, 5, 9, and the National Capital Region shall be set aside for small business when there is a reasonable expectation of obtaining competition from two or more small businesses. If no expectation exists, the procurements may be conducted on an unrestricted basis.

Region 3 encompasses the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, West Virginia, Maryland (except Montgomery and Prince Georges counties), and Virginia (except the city of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William).

Region 4 encompasses the states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, and Tennessee.

Region 5 encompasses the states of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Minnesota, and Wisconsin.

Region 9 encompasses the states of Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada.

The National Capital Region encompasses the District of Columbia, Montgomery and Prince Georges counties in Maryland, and the city of Alexandria and the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William in Virginia.

#### *Non-nuclear ship repair:*

GSA does not procure non-nuclear ship repairs.

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*Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

### **Administration for Children and Families**

#### **Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

*Title:* Job Opportunity Basic Skills (JOBS) Participation Rate Quarterly Report.

*OMB No.:* 0970-0112.

*Description:* Jobs participants data collection form ACF-108. States are required to report participants' characteristics on a monthly basis. The information received from this collection will provide the data base to analyze and evaluate the JOBS program relevant to the degree in which States