

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Parts 6, 15, and 52**

[FAR Case 96-303]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Competitive Range Determinations**

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Proposed rule, extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The public comment period for the proposed rule, Competitive Range Determinations (96-303), which was published in the Federal Register on July 31, 1996 (61 FR 40116), is extended through November 26, 1996.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted by November 26, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Fayson, the FAR Secretariat, Room 4037, GS Building, Washington, DC 20405, (202) 501-4755. Please cite FAR case 96-303.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public comment period on the proposed rule is extended to conform with the public comment period on the proposed rule for the FAR Part 15 Rewrite—Phase I, FAR Case 95-029, which was published in the Federal Register on September 12, 1996 (61 FR 48380). It is important to consider the proposed rule for FAR Case 96-303, Competitive Range Determinations, in the broader context of FAR Part 15 as a whole. There are differences between the Competitive Range case and the FAR Part 15 Rewrite—Phase I case that are due primarily to the different baselines used. The Competitive Range case uses the baseline of the current FAR Parts 15 and 52, while the FAR Part 15 Rewrite—Phase I case uses a baseline of reorganized and revised Parts 15 and 52. Notwithstanding the minor differences between the cases, we encourage interested parties to express their positions on this rule as part of a second public meeting on the FAR Part 15

Rewrite—Phase I, which is being held in Kansas City, MO to allow small businesses in the Midwest an opportunity to participate more fully in the rulemaking process. That meeting is scheduled for November 18, 1996, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., local time at the Ramada Inn Benjamin Ranch, 6101 East 87th Street (I-435 and 87th Street Exit), Kansas City, MO, Sierra Rooms I, II, and III, telephone (816) 765-4331.

If you wish to attend the meeting, or to make presentations on competitive range determinations, please contact the FAR Part 15 Rewrite Committee Chair, Ms. Melissa Rider, DAR Council, Attn: IMD 3D139, PDUSD(A&T)DP/DAR, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062; telephone (703) 602-0131, facsimile (703) 602-0350 by November 15, if possible. Please cite FAR Case 96-303. For logistics information regarding the public meeting contact Jill Dickey, telephone (816) 926-7203, facsimile (816) 823-1167.

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