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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information concerning this notice or public meeting, contact Mr. Jim Magill, Project Manager, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-1082 or LT Charles Srioudom, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, telephone 202-267-2498. For questions on viewing, or submitting material to the docket, contact Dorothy Walker, Chief, Documentary Services Division, U.S. Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related material, and by attending the public meeting. If you submit written comments, please include your name and address, identify the docket number for this notice (USCG-1999-XXXX), indicate the specific section of the **Federal Register** notice announcing this meeting to which each comment applies, and give the reason for each comment. You may submit your written comments and material by mail, hand, fax, or electronic means to the Docket Management Facility at the address under **ADDRESSES**; but please do not submit the same comment or material by more than one means. If you submit them by mail or hand, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing. If you submit them by mail and would like to know they were received, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed postcard or envelope. We will consider all comments and material received during the comment period.

##### **Information on Service for Individuals with Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities or to request special assistance at the public meeting, contact LT Charles Srioudom at the address or phone

number under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** as soon as possible.

##### **Background and Purpose**

The Coast Guard published a final rule entitled "Offshore Supply Vessels" on September 19, 1997 (62 FR 49308). Since the publication of this rule, industry identified a need to determine a tonnage breakpoint, appropriate additional standards for larger OSV including licensing and manning, and to bring crew boats under the regulations as OSV. The purpose of this notice is to receive public comments pertaining to OSVs of 500 gross tons (U.S. Regulatory Tonnage) but less than 6,000 gross tons (ITC).

##### **Areas of Concern**

The Coast Guard invites comments pertaining to OSV regulations from interested persons. To help facilitate a productive public meeting, we offer the following subjects for consideration; interested persons may address meeting attendants with additional comments:

(1) What ITC tonnage value should be considered as equivalent to the present 500 gross tons (U.S. Regulatory Tonnage) value as the breakpoint between large and small OSVs? Does the figure of 3,000 gross tons (ITC) make good logic as it ties in with the STCW threshold value?

(2) Is there a need to establish regulations for conventional OSVs to carry more than 36 offshore workers, given the fact that the revised regulations will bring crew boats carrying up to 150 offshore workers under subchapter L? The new revision could also establish regulations for liftboats allowing more than 36 offshore workers onboard while jacked up.

(3) Would the establishment of dual certification to meet OSV and crewboat regulations make sense? This could, for example, allow dual certificated OSVs to carry unlimited fuel, maximum 36 offshore workers on one leg of a voyage, and carry more than 36 offshore workers under the crewboat regulations on the return leg of the voyage.

(4) Should OSVs of 500 gross tons (U.S. Regulatory Tonnage) but less than 6,000 gross tons (ITC) meet the requirements of 46 CFR Subchapter L and additional requirements from Subchapter I (Industrial Vessels) that are applicable to OSVs carrying less than 36 offshore workers?

(5) If OSVs of 500 gross tons (U.S. Regulatory Tonnage) but less than 6,000 gross tons (ITC) abide by both Subchapter L and Subchapter I requirements, what structural fire protection, fire detection, and lifesaving

equipment should be required to maintain vessel safety?

(6) If OSVs of 500 gross tons (U.S. Regulatory Tonnage) but less than 6,000 gross tons (ITC) abide by both Subchapter L and Subchapter I requirements, what accommodations should be provided for offshore workers assigned to the vessel for more than 24 hours? and

(7) Discussion is invited as to whether we should retain the current regulatory licensing structure for Masters and Mates up to 3,000 gross tons (ITC) and add a new licensing structure for over 3,000 gross tons (ITC) OSVs, requiring more training and experience?

Dated: July 15, 1999.

**Howard L. Hime,**

*Acting Director of Standards, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **48 CFR Parts 245 and 252**

[DFARS Case 99-D019]

#### **Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; General Property, Plant, and Equipment**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** The Director of Defense Procurement is soliciting comments from Government and industry personnel on contemplated revisions to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to obtain data that will enable DoD to comply with the financial reporting requirements of the Chief Financial Officer's Act. The DFARS revisions would require contractors to furnish information on other real property, industrial plant equipment, other plant equipment, and software acquired or produced for performance of a cost-reimbursement or time-and-material contract. The reporting requirement is limited to reportable items or systems having an acquisition cost of \$100,000 or more.

**DATES:** Interested parties should submit written comments to the address shown below no later than September 7, 1999. Electronically submitted comments are preferred.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties should submit written comments to: Deputy Director, Major Policy Initiatives, Room 3E144, the Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060, ATTN: Ms. Angelena Moy,

OUSD (A&T)/DDP. Submit electronic comments to moyac@acq.osd.mil. Please cite DFARS Case 99-D019 on all related correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Angelena Moy, (703), 695-1097/1098 or moyac@acq.osd.mil.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

DoD must improve the reliability of agency-level financial reports to comply

with the requirements of the Chief Financial Officer's Act (Pub. L. 101-576). The proposed DFARS revisions will enable DoD to more accurately determine the current value of Government property that was originally acquired or produced by a contractor under a cost-reimbursement or time-and-materials contract.

**B. DD Form 1662-S, General Property, Plant, and Equipment in the Possession of Contractors**

The proposed DFARS revisions contain a new clause that specifies requirements for contractors to furnish information using the following form. DoD will seek Office of Management and Budget approval for use of the new form in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.).

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## General Property, Plant, and Equipment in the Possession of Contractors

(See instructions on reverse before completing this form.)

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1. Contractor: 3. Report - Initial \_\_\_\_, Follow on \_\_\_\_, Final \_\_\_\_

2. Contract No: 4. Payment Office: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Reporting Period: October 1, \_\_\_\_ through September 30, \_\_\_\_ or Other Date (if Final Report) \_\_\_\_\_

(a) General Property, Plant, and Equipment Reporting Categories	Cost in Dollars				
	(b) Fiscal Year Acquired/ Produced/ Disposed	(c) Beginning Balance by Column (c) Fiscal Year	(d) Acquired/ Produced	(e) Disposed/ Transferred	(f) Ending Balance by Column (c) Fiscal Year
<b>6. Other Real Property</b>					
6.a. Buildings					
6.b. Improvements to Buildings					
6.c. All Other Real Property					
6.d. Improvements to All Other Real Property					
<b>7. Other Plant Equipment (OPE)</b>					
<b>8. Industrial Plant Equipment (IPE)</b>					
<b>9. Software</b>					

## Instructions for The DD Form 1662-S

### General Property, Plant, and Equipment in the Possession of Contractors

#### APPLICABILITY

This Supplement is required only for property acquired or produced by, or property improvements made by, the Contractor or a subcontractor to which the Government has title under a cost-reimbursement or time-and-materials contract. Do not report the costs of equipment or software (items 7, 8, and 9) that were delivered to the Government, or delivered to the Government and subsequently furnished to you, during the reporting period as Government-furnished property for the performance of a contract.

#### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE 10/01/1999 THROUGH 09/30/2000 REPORTING PERIOD AND INITIAL REPORTS.

Do not complete columns (c), (d), and (e).

#### SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FINAL REPORTS.

Do not report an ending balance (column (f)).

#### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS.

Submit a separate supplemental report for each cost-reimbursement or time-and-materials contract under which the Government obtains title to property that is in the possession of the contractor or its subcontractors. Reports are required for contracts that are not complete as of the end of the reporting period and contracts completed or terminated in their entirety prior to the end of the reporting period.

Report only property or property improvements that have an acquisition cost of \$100,000 or more.

Use another copy of the form if additional space is needed for one or more reporting categories. Number each form consecutively on the top right corner of each copy (e.g., 1 of 3, 2 of 3 and 3 of 3).

Submit reports to the paying office identified in block 4 of the form within 30 days following the end of reporting period, contract completion, or contract termination.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

**Item 1.** Enter the Contractor's name.

**Item 2.** Enter the applicable contract, delivery order, or task order number.

**Item 3.** Indicate with an 'X' whether this report is the initial, a follow on, or the final report for this contract or order.

**Item 4.** Enter the name and address of the payment office specified in the contract.

**Item 5.** Enter the reporting year or final report date (see the GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS).

#### **Item 6. Other Real Property (ORP).**

**6.a.** The term "buildings" includes warehouses, storage facilities, hangars, and other structures. Report each building acquired or produced for the performance of this contract that had an acquisition cost of \$100,000 or more.

**6.b.** Report each improvement to buildings, including Government-furnished buildings, regardless of the building's acquisition cost or present value if the cost of the improvement was \$100,000 or more except improvements made more than 20 years prior to commencement of the reporting period.

**6.c.** Report all ORP not reported in block 6.a. that had an acquisition cost of \$100,000 or more except ORP that was acquired or produced more than 20 years prior to commencement of the reporting period.

**6.d.** Report improvements made to ORP, including Government-furnished ORP, regardless of the building's acquisition cost or present value if the cost of the improvement was \$100,000 or more except improvements made more than 10 years prior to commencement of the reporting period.

**Item 7. Other Plant Equipment (OPE).** Report all OPE that has an acquisition cost of \$100,000 or more per item. Do not report the individual components of a system as separate items if the contractor customarily, collectively reports the items as a system. Report the system's acquisition cost only if the aggregate acquisition costs of the system's components is \$100,000 or more. Do not report any equipment items or systems that were acquired or produced more than 5 years prior to commencement of the reporting period.

**Item 8 Industrial Plant Equipment (IPE).** Report all Industrial Plant Equipment (IPE) that has an acquisition cost of \$100,000 or more per item except IPE items that are customarily used as a system (Do not report the individual components of a system as separate items if the contractor customarily collectively reports the item as a system.) Report the system's acquisition cost only if the aggregate acquisition costs of the system's components is \$100,000 or more. Do not report any equipment or systems that were acquired or produced more than 10 years prior to commencement of the reporting period.

**Item 9 Software.** Report only software acquired or produced for the Government if the software developer has transferred ownership (not a license) to the Government. Do not report Government-owned software that was acquired or produced to operate special tooling or special test equipment and is useable for that purpose only. Do not report otherwise reportable software if the software was acquired or produced more than 5 years prior to commencement of the reporting period.

**Column (a).** The types of property to be reported.

**Column (b).** Identify the fiscal years (e.g., 1996, 1998) in which the property identified in column (c) was acquired or produced.

**Column (c).** Report the beginning balances, by the year in which the property was acquired or produced (Column (b)), for each property category (Items 6 - 9). The amounts reported must be the same amounts reported in Column (e), Ending Balance, of the previous year's report. Do not report any amounts in column (c) if this is the first report for this contract.

**Column (d).** For each property category, enter the acquisition cost of improvements made or property acquired or produced during the current reporting period.

**Column (e).** For each property category, enter the acquisition cost of property disposed of during the current reporting period (including transfers to other contracts with the reporting agency or other agencies) by the fiscal year in which the property was acquired or produced.

**Column (f).** For each property category, report the ending balances for the current reporting period (column (c) plus column (d) minus column (e)).

## List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 245 and 252

Government procurement.

**Michele P. Peterson,**

*Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.*

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR Parts 245 and 252 as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 245 and 252 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

### PART 245—GOVERNMENT PROPERTY

2. Amend section 245.505–14 by adding paragraph (b) to read as follows:

#### 245.505–14 Reports of Government property.

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(b) Use the clause at 252.245–XXX, Supplemental Property Report-Cost-Reimbursement and Time-and-Materials Contracts, in cost-reimbursement and time-and-materials contracts that include the clause at 252.245–7001, Reports of Government Property.

### PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

3. Add section 252.245–XXX to read as follows:

#### 252.245–7XXX Supplemental Property Report-Cost-Reimbursement and Time-and-Material Contracts.

As prescribed in 245.505–14(b), use the following clause:

##### Supplemental Property Report-Cost-Reimbursement and Time-and-Materials Contracts (XXX 1999)

(a) *Definition.* As used in this clause—  
*Agency-peculiar property* means military property and includes end items and integral components of military weapons systems, along with the related peculiar support equipment that is not readily available as a commercial item.

*Commercial computer software* means software developed or regularly used for nongovernmental purposes that—

(1) Has been sold, leased, or licensed to the public;

(2) Has been offered for sale, lease, or license to the public;

(3) Has not been offered, sold, leased, or licensed to the public but will be available for commercial sale, lease, or license in time to satisfy the delivery requirements of this contract; or

(4) Satisfies a criterion expressed in paragraph (1), (2), or (3) of this definition and would require only minor modification to meet the requirements of this contract.

*General property, plant, and equipment* means land, other real property, industrial plant equipment, other plant equipment, and software. The term does not include special

tooling, special test equipment, agency-peculiar property, or material.

*Industrial plant equipment (IPE)* means plant equipment in Federal stock group 34 with an acquisition cost of \$15,000 or more used for cutting, abrading, grinding, shaping, forming, joining, heating, treating, or otherwise altering the physical properties of materials, components, or end items entailed in manufacturing, maintenance, supply, processing, assembly, or research and development operations. IPE is further identified in AR 700–43/NAVSUP PUB 5009/AFM 78–9/DLAM 4215.1, Management of Defense-Owned Industrial Plant Equipment.

*Other plant equipment (OPE)* means plant equipment regardless of dollar value, used in or in conjunction with the manufacture of components or end items relative to maintenance, supply, processing, assembly, or research and development operations. OPE excludes equipment categorized as IPE.

*Software* means computer software, including commercial computer software.

(b) *Supplemental information-general property, plant, and equipment (GPP&E).* The Contractor shall furnish the information required by DD Form 1662-S, General Property, Plant, and Equipment in the Possession of Contractors, for each GPP&E item or system to which the Government has title under a cost-reimbursement or time-and-materials contract that—

(1) Was acquired or produced by the Contractor for performance of this contract;

(2) Has an estimated useful life of 2 or more years;

(3) Has an acquisition cost of \$100,000 or more that was allocated to this contract as a direct cost; and

(4) Is in the Contractor's or a subcontractor's possession as of September 30 of the current year or, for contracts completed or terminated prior to or during the current fiscal year, on the date the contract was completed or terminated.

(c) *Source data.* The Contractor shall extract acquisition cost information from the Contractor's financial or cost accounting systems.

(d) *Reporting and submission requirements.* The Contractor shall—

(1) Prepare a separate DD Form 1662–S for each contract under which GPP&E items or systems are accountable;

(2) Submit the DD Form 1662–S to the cognizant Government property administrator within 30 days following completion of the reporting year; and

(3) For contracts completed or terminated in their entirety prior to September 30 of the reporting year, complete a DD Form 1662–S to report property in the Contractor's or a subcontractor's possession as of the date of contract completion or termination. The Contractor shall submit the form to the cognizant Government property administrator within 30 days following contract completion or termination.

(End of clause)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 20

RIN 1018–AF24

#### Migratory Bird Hunting; Proposed Frameworks for Early-Season Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations and Regulatory Alternatives for the 1999–2000 Duck Hunting Season; Notice of Meeting

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; Supplemental.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (hereinafter Service or we) is proposing to establish the 1999–2000 early-season hunting regulations for certain migratory game birds. We annually prescribe frameworks, or outer limits, for dates and times when hunting may occur and the maximum number of birds that may be taken and possessed in early seasons. Early seasons generally open prior to October 1, and include seasons in Alaska, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. These frameworks are necessary to allow State selections of final seasons and limits and to allow recreational harvest at levels compatible with population status and habitat conditions. This supplement to the proposed rule also provides the regulatory alternatives for the 1999–2000 duck hunting season.

**DATES:** To comment on the proposed early-season frameworks, you must do so by August 2, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Send your comments on these proposals to the Chief, Office of Migratory Bird Management (MBMO), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, room 634-Arlington Square, Washington, DC 20240. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the public record. You may inspect comments during normal business hours in room 634, Arlington Square Building, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Andrew, Chief, or Ron W. Kokel, Office of Migratory Bird Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, (703) 358–1714.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Regulations Schedule for 1999

On May 3, 1999, we published in the *Federal Register* (64 FR 23742) a proposal to amend 50 CFR part 20. The proposal dealt with the establishment of seasons, limits, and other regulations for migratory game birds under § 20.101