

4. In § 10.217, the second sentences of paragraphs (a) (1) and (2) are revised to read as follows:

**§ 10.217 Examination procedures and denial of licenses.**

(a)(1) \* \* \* The examination fee set out in § 10.109 must be paid before the applicant may take the first examination section. \* \* \*

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(2) \* \* \* The examination fee set out in § 10.109 must be paid before the applicant may take the first examination section. \* \* \*

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5. In § 10.901, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

**§ 10.901 General provisions.**

(a) Each applicant for any license listed in this part shall pass examinations on the appropriate subjects listed in this subpart, except as noted in § 10.903(b).

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**PART 12—CERTIFICATION OF SEAMEN**

6. The authority citation for part 12 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 31 U.S.C. 9701; 46 U.S.C. 2103, 2110, 7301, 7701; 49 CFR 1.46.

7. In § 12.05–9, paragraph (a) and the introductory text of paragraph (b) are revised to read as follows:

**§ 12.05–9 Examination and demonstration of ability.**

(a) Before an applicant is certified as an able seaman, he or she shall prove to the satisfaction of the Coast Guard by oral or other means of examination, and by actual demonstration, his or her knowledge of seamanship and the ability to carry out effectively all the duties that may be required of an able seaman, including those of a lifeboatman. The applicant shall demonstrate that he or she:

(1) Has been trained in all the operations connected with the launching of lifeboats and liferafts, and in the use of oars;

(2) Is acquainted with the practical handling of boats; and

(3) Is capable of taking command of the boat's crew.

(b) The examination, whether administered orally or by other means, must be conducted only in the English language and must consist of questions regarding:

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8. In § 12.10–5, paragraph (a) and the introductory text of paragraph (b) are revised to read as follows:

**§ 12.10–5 Examination and demonstration of ability.**

(a) Before an applicant is certified as a lifeboatman, he or she shall prove to the satisfaction of the Coast Guard by oral or other means of examination, and by actual demonstration, his or her knowledge of seamanship and the ability to carry out effectively all the duties that may be required of a lifeboatman. The applicant shall demonstrate that he or she:

(1) Has been trained in all the operations connected with the launching of lifeboats and liferafts, and in the use of oars;

(2) Is acquainted with the practical handling of boats; and

(3) Is capable of taking command of the boat's crew.

(b) The examination, whether administered orally or by other means, must be conducted only in the English language and must consist of questions regarding:

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9. In § 12.15–9, the first sentence of paragraph (a), and paragraph (c), are revised to read as follows:

**§ 12.15–9 Examination requirements.**

(a) Each applicant for certification as a qualified member of the engine department in the rating of oiler, watertender, fireman, deck engineer, refrigeration engineer, junior engineer, electrician, or machinist shall be examined orally or by other means and only in the English language on the subjects listed in paragraph (b) of this section. \* \* \*

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(c) Each applicant for certification as a qualified member of the engine department in the rating of pumpman shall, by oral or other examination, demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the subjects peculiar to that rating to satisfy the Officer in Charge, Marine Inspection, that he or she is qualified to perform the duties of that rating.

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Dated: August 15, 1996.

J.C. Card,

*Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Chief, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.*

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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

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**48 CFR Parts 1506, 1534, 1536, 1542, 1545, and 1552**

**Acquisition Regulation**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is removing from the EPA Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR) (48 CFR Chapter 15) its coverage for conduct of surveys; implementing OMB Circular A–109, Major Systems Acquisitions; special aspects of sealed bidding in construction contracting; additive or deductive items; indirect cost rates; and management of Government property in the possession of contractors.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 6, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Louise Senzel, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Acquisition Management (3802F), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone: (202) 260–6204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

This final rule eliminates from the EPAAR coverage on conduct of market surveys, implementation of OMB Circular A–109 on Major Systems Acquisitions, special aspects of sealed bidding in construction contracting, additive or deductive items, indirect cost rates, and management of Government property in the possession of contractors. The coverage is obsolete, for which new FAR coverage is available; the coverage is duplicative of OMB Circular A–109; or the coverage includes procedures internal to EPA, unnecessary for inclusion in the EPAAR. Codification of the Agency's internal procedures is unnecessary, since they have no significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. Consequently, EPA will retain any implementing guidance and internal procedures in an internal directive, where necessary.

**B. Executive Order 12866**

The final rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866; therefore, no review is required by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

**C. Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because this final rule does not contain information collection requirements that require the approval of OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.)

**D. Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The EPA certifies that this final rule does not exert a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The requirements to contractors under the final rule impose no reporting, record-keeping, or any compliance costs.

**E. Unfunded Mandates**

This final rule will not impose unfunded mandates on state or local entities, or others.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1506, 1534, 1536, 1542, 1545, and 1552

Government procurement.

Authority: The provisions of this regulation are issued under 5 U.S.C. 301; Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

Therefore, 48 CFR Chapter 15 is amended as set forth below:

1. The authority for Parts 1506, 1536, 1542, 1545, and 1552, continue to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 205(c), 63 stat. 390, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

**Subpart 1506.371—[Removed]**

2. Subpart 1506.371 is removed in its entirety.

**PART 1534—[REMOVED]**

3. Part 1534 is Removed in its entirety.

**Subpart 1536.3—[Removed]**

4. Subpart 1536.3 (§§ 1536.303 and 1536.303–70) is removed in its entirety.

**1536.570 [Removed]**

5. Section 1536.570 is removed in its entirety.

**1542.705–1 [Removed]**

6. Section 1542.705–1 is removed in its entirety.

**Subpart 1545.5—[Removed]**

7. Subpart 1545.5 (§ 1545.502) is removed in its entirety.

**1552.236–71 [Removed]**

8. Section 1552.236–71 is removed in its entirety.

Dated: August 19, 1996.

Betty L. Bailey,

*Director, Office of Acquisition Management.*

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**48 CFR Parts 1515 and 1552**

[FRL–5602–5]

**Acquisition Regulation; Coverage of Source Selection Process**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) acquisition regulation (48 CFR Chapter 15) coverage on the source selection process. EPA is aware that Part 15 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation is currently undergoing revision. The Agency believes that its changes will not conflict with any subsequent revisions to Part 15. Additionally, the Agency believes that the changes to its acquisition regulation are needed now as an interim measure to streamline the process and empower Contracting Officers at EPA. This rule is also necessary to implement portions of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 23, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Louise Senzel, Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Acquisition Management (3802F), 401 M Street, SW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Telephone: (202) 260–6204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****A. Background**

The proposed rule was published in the Federal Register (61 CFR 25440) on May 21, 1996, providing for a comment period until July 22, 1996.

Interested persons have been afforded an opportunity to participate in the making of this rule. No public comments were received.

**B. Executive Order 12866**

This is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866; therefore, no review was required by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs.

**C. Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Paperwork Reduction Act did not apply because this rule does not contain information collection requirements that require the approval of OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.).

**D. Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The EPA certifies that this rule does not exert a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. The requirements to contractors under the proposed rule impose no reporting, record-keeping, or any compliance costs.

**E. Unfunded Mandates**

This rule will not impose unfunded mandates on state or local entities, or others.

**F. Regulated Entities**

EPA contractors are entities potentially affected by this action. Specifically, those entities competing under solicitations for negotiated procurements will be affected.

Category	Regulated entity
Industry .....	EPA contractors.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 1515 and 1552

Government procurement.

Authority: The provisions of this regulation are issued under 5 U.S.C. 301; Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

Therefore, 48 CFR Chapter 15 is amended as set forth below: 1. The authority citations for parts 1515 and 1552 continue to read as follows:

Authority: Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

**1515.407 [Amended]**

2. Section 1515.407 is amended by removing paragraph (a)(1), and by redesignating paragraphs (a)(2) and (3) as (a)(1) and (2).

3. Section 1515.604 is amended by revising paragraphs (a), (c), and (d) to read as follows:

**1515.604 Responsibilities and Duties.**

\* \* \* \* \*

(a) *Source Selection Official.* The Source Selection Official (SSO) is the official responsible for overall management of the source selection process. Duties of the SSO include, but are not limited to, appointing members and chairpersons of the Source Evaluation Board, the Technical Evaluation Panel (TEP), and the Business Evaluation Panel (BEP); and approving solicitation related documents. However, the Contracting Officer is responsible for approving amendments to solicitation documents. The SSO may waive in writing the requirement in 1515.612(a)(1)(v) for at least one member of the TEP to be an individual not involved in managing the