

simplified Government-wide procurement regulations now known as the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) (48 CFR 1). The Policy Letter covered establishment of the FAR System, FAR maintenance, and resolution of differences among executive agencies in development of FAR provisions. The provisions of Policy Letter 85-1 were codified in sections 6 and 25 of the OFPP Act (41 U.S.C. 405 and 41 U.S.C. 421, respectively) and incorporated in FAR Subparts 1.1, 1.2, and 1.3.

OFPP Policy Letter 89-1, Conflict of Interest Policies Applicable to Consultants

Policy Letter 89-1 established policy and procedures on applying conflict of interest standards to persons who provide consulting services to the government, pursuant to section 8141 of the 1989 Department of Defense Appropriations Act, Public Law 100-463, 102 Stat. 2270-47 (October 1, 1988). The provisions of Policy Letter 89-1 were incorporated in FAR Subpart 9.5.

OFPP Policy Letter 91-2, Service Contracting

OFPP Policy Letter 91-2 established policy for acquiring services by contract. It encouraged the use of "performance-based contracting," which uses standards to measure quality and timeliness of contractor performance and surveillance plans to assure that the standards are met. Policy Letter 91-2 is implemented in FAR Subpart 37.6. For more information on this subject, see OFPP's "A Guide to Best Practices for Performance-Based Service Contracting" (October 1998) at the ARNet world wide website, <http://www.arnet.gov/BestP/PPBSC/BestPPBSC.html>.

OFPP Policy Letter 91-4, Use of Irrevocable Letters of Credit

OFPP Policy Letter 91-4 established policy for use of irrevocable letters of credit in lieu of sureties for Federal construction contracts requiring Miller Act bonds. The Miller Act (40 U.S.C. 270a *et seq.*) requires the use of performance and payment bonds for Federal construction contracts in excess of \$25,000. Policy Letter 91-4 determined that: irrevocable letters of credit serve much of the same function and provide the same redeemable value as bonds, postal orders, and certified checks; Federal agencies are authorized to accept such letters; and their usage in lieu of sureties would help to achieve greater access by small and small disadvantaged businesses to Federal construction contracts. The Policy Letter

permitted agencies to use irrevocable letters of credit in lieu of sureties for Federal construction contracts requiring Miller Act bonds. Policy Letter 91-4 is implemented in FAR section 28.204-3.

OFPP Policy Letter 92-5, Past Performance Information

Policy Letter 92-5 established requirements for evaluating contractor performance and for using past performance information in the contractor selection process. The provisions of Policy Letter 92-5 have been implemented in FAR Subpart 42.15 and FAR sections 15.304 and 15.305. For more information on this subject, see "A Guide to Best Practices for Past Performance" (May 1995) at the ARNet world wide website, <http://www.arnet.gov/BestP/BestPract.html>.

OFPP Policy Letter 95-1, Subcontracting Plans for Companies Supplying Commercial Items

Section 8(d) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(d)) requires that each contract that exceeds \$500,000 (\$1 million in the case of construction) and that offers subcontracting opportunities include a requirement that the apparently successful offeror negotiate a subcontracting plan which shall become a material part of the contract. Policy Letter 95-1 revised the policy on subcontracting plans to reduce the burden of government-unique requirements on prime contractors and subcontractors that supply commercial items. The Policy Letter allows such contractors and subcontractors to meet the requirements of Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act by submitting an annual "commercial plan" rather than an individual contract-by-contract or subcontract-by-subcontract plan. A commercial plan is a subcontracting plan that covers a contractor's or subcontractor's fiscal year and that applies to the entire production of commercial items sold by either the entire company or a portion thereof (e.g., division, plant, or product line). The provisions of Policy Letter 95-1 were implemented in FAR sections 19.701, 19.704(d), and 19.705-7.

OFPP requests comments on these proposed rescissions.

Deidre A. Lee,
Administrator.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (99-110)]

Government-Owned Inventions, Available for Licensing

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Inventions for Licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, have been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and are available for licensing.

DATES: September 15, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kent N. Stone, Patent Attorney, John H. Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field, Mail Stop 500-118, Cleveland, Ohio 44135-3191; telephone (216) 433-8855.

NASA Case No. LEW 16,682-1: Rare Earth Optical Temperature Sensor;

NASA Case No. LEW 15,805-2: Soft Tissue Implants with Microscopic Surface Roughness;

NASA Case No. LEW 16,644-1: Wave Augmented Diffuser for Centrifugal Compressor;

NASA Case No. LEW 16,684-1: Provisional Thermal Barrier Braided Rope Seal.

Dated: September 1, 1999.

Edward A. Frankle,
General Counsel.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (99-111)]

Government-Owned Inventions, Available for Licensing

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Inventions for Licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, have been filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and are available for licensing.

DATES: September 15, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patent Counsel, Langley Research Center, Mail Stop 212, Hampton, VA 23681-0001; telephone (757) 864-9260.

NASA Case No. LAR 15449-1: A Method to Prepare Processable Polyimides with Reactive Endgroups Using 1,3-Bis (3-Aminophenoxy) Benzene;

NASA Case No. LAR 15459-1: A Method to Prepare Processable Polyimides with Non-Reactive Endgroups Using 1,3-Bis (3-Aminophenoxy) Benzene;

NASA Case No. LAR 15612-1-SB: System for Multiplexing Acoustic Emission (AE) Instrumentation;

NASA Case No. LAR 15849-1: Process to Fabricate a Full-Consolidated Fiber Reinforced Composite Tape/Ribbon From Solution-Coated Prepreg for Automated Tow/Tape Placement;

NASA Case No. LAR 15712-1-CU: Catalytic Oxidation Sensor for Hydrocarbons and Volatile Organic Compounds;

NASA Case No. LAR 15817-1: A Method of Encouraging Physiological Self-Regulation through Modulation of an Operator's Control Input to a Video Game or Training Simulator;

NASA Case No. LAR 15894-1: Versatile Software Package for Near Real-Time Analysis of Experimental Data;

NASA Case No. LAR 15922-1: An Active Noise Control System with Reduced Actuator Force and Control Processing Requirements;

NASA Case No. LAR 15926-1: Reference Sample Technique to Measure Material Non-Linearity;

NASA Case No. LAR 15936-1: Laser Diode Ultrasound Generation System;

NASA Case No. LAR 15938-1: A Method for the Reduction of Signal-Induced Noise in Photomultiplier Tubes Using an External Electrode;

NASA Case No. LAR 15962-1-CU: Poly (Aryl Ether Ketones) Bearing Alkylated Side Chains.

Dated: September 1, 1999.

Edward A. Frankle,

General Counsel.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 99-113]

NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Space Science Advisory Committee (SScAC), Structure and Evolution of the Universe Advisory Subcommittee

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Space Science Advisory Committee, Structure and Evolution of the Universe Subcommittee.

DATES: Thursday, September 23, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Friday, September 24, 1999, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, Conference Room 6H46, 300 E Street, SW, Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Alan N. Bunner, Code S, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Washington, DC 20546, 202/358-0364.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Membership Changes
- Report from the Theme Director
- Report from the Associate Administrator for Space Science
- Status of Chandra Observatory
- Report from the Structure and Evolution of the Universe Forum
- Status of Office of Space Science Strategic Planning Effort
- Review of Structure of Evolution of the Universe Effort

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

Dated: September 8, 1999.

Matthew M. Crouch,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice 99-114]

NASA Advisory Council (NAC), Aero-Space Technology Advisory Committee (ASTAC); Propulsion Systems Subcommittee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration announces a forthcoming meeting of the NASA Advisory Council, Aero-Space Technology Advisory Committee, Propulsion Systems Subcommittee meeting.

DATES: Tuesday, September 28, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Wednesday, September 29, 1999, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: National Aeronautics and Space Administration, John H. Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field, Building 86, Room 100, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44135.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Carol J. Russo, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, John H. Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field, 21000 Brookpark Road, Cleveland, OH 44135, 216/433-2965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- Overview
- Propulsion Systems Base R&T Program Review
- GPRA Milestones Review

It is imperative that the meeting be held on these dates to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

Dated: September 8, 1999.

Matthew M. Crouch,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice (99-112)]

Notice of Prospective Patent License

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of prospective patent license.

SUMMARY: NASA hereby gives notice that Nicholson Manufacturing Company, with headquarters in Seattle, Washington, and MTS Corporation, with headquarters in Eden Prairie, Minnesota, have both applied for co-exclusive licenses to practice the invention described and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,893,507 entitled "Auto-Adjustable Pin Tool for Friction Stir Welding," which is assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. Written objections to the prospective grant of a license should be sent to the Marshall Space Flight Center.

DATES: Responses to this notice must be received by November 15, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Fred Schramm, Technology Transfer Office, Mail Code CD30, Marshall Space Flight Center, Huntsville, AL 35812.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

Edward A. Frankle,

General Counsel.

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