

Regulation in order to update references and make editorial changes.

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List of Subjects in 48 CFR parts 1, 19, 22, 42, 52, and 53

Government procurement.

Dated: December 22, 2000.

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Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 1, 19, 22, 42, 52, and 53 as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 1, 19, 22, 42, 52, and 53 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

PART 1—FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM

1.106 [Amended]

2. Amend section 1.106 in the table following the introductory paragraph at entry 52.215-19 by removing the OMB Control Number “9000-0015” and adding “9000-0115” in its place.

PART 19—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

3. Amend section 19.812 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

19.812 Contract administration.

(a) The contracting officer shall assign contract administration functions, as required, based on the location of the 8(a) contractor (see Federal Directory of Contract Administration Services Components (available via the Internet at <http://www.dcmamail.com/casbook/casbook.htm>)).

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PART 22—APPLICATION OF LABOR LAWS TO GOVERNMENT ACQUISITIONS

4. Amend section 22.403-4 as follows:
a. Redesignate paragraphs “(a)”, “(b)”, “(c)”, “(d)”, and “(e)” as “(b)(1)”, “(b)(2)”, “(b)(3)”, “(b)(4)”, and “(b)(5)”, respectively;

b. Designate the introductory paragraph as paragraph (a), and amend it by removing “The Department of Labor regulations include—”;

c. Add paragraph (b) introductory text;

d. In newly designated paragraph (b)(5), remove the last sentence; and
e. Add a new paragraph (c) to read as follows:

22.403-4 Department of Labor regulations.

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(b) The Department of Labor regulations include—

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(c) Refer all questions relating to the application and interpretation of wage determinations (including the classifications therein) and the interpretation of the Department of Labor regulations in this subsection to the Administrator, Wage and Hour Division.

PART 42—CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT SERVICES

5. Amend section 42.201 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

42.201 Contract administration responsibilities.

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(b) The Defense Contract Management Agency and other agencies offer a wide variety of contract administration and support services.

6. Revise section 42.203 to read as follows:

42.203 Contract administration services directory.

The Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) maintains and distributes the Federal Directory of Contract Administration Services Components. The directory lists the names and telephone numbers of those DCMA and other agency offices that offer contract administration services within designated geographic areas and at specified contractor plants. Federal agencies may obtain a free copy of the directory on disk by writing to—Defense Contract Management Agency, ATTN: DCMA-FBP, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6221, or access it on the Internet at <http://www.dcmamail.com/casbook/casbook.htm>.

PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.247-51 [Amended]

7. Amend section 52.247-51 in the provision heading by removing “(FEB 1995)” and adding “(JAN 2001)” in its place; in the first sentence of paragraph (c)(1) by removing “F.o.b. port of loading with inspection and acceptance

at origin.”; and in the third column of the table following paragraph (d), add a comma after “i.e.”.

PART 53—FORMS

53.215-1 [Amended]

8. Amend section 53.215-1 by removing from paragraph (a) “15.509(b)” and adding “15.509” in its place; and by removing from paragraphs (e) and (f) “15.509(a)” and adding “15.509” in their place.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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48 CFR Ch. 1

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide

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

ACTION: Small Entity Compliance Guide.

SUMMARY: This document is issued under the joint authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services and the Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. This *Small Entity Compliance Guide* has been prepared in accordance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-121). It consists of a summary of rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 97-22 which amend the FAR. An asterisk (*) next to a rule indicates that a regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 604. Interested parties may obtain further information regarding these rules by referring to FAC 97-22 which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the Internet at <http://www.arnet.gov/far>.

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LIST OF RULES IN FAC 97-22

Item	Subject	FAR Case	Analyst
I	Definitions	1999-403	Linfield.
II	Applicability, Thresholds and Waiver of Cost Accounting Standards Coverage.	2000-301	Nelson.
III	Advance Payments for Non-Commercial Items.	1999-016	Olson.
IV	Part 12 and Assignment of Claims	1999-021	Moss.
V	Clause Flowdown—Commercial Items	1996-023	Moss.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summaries for each FAR rule follow. For the actual revisions and/or amendments to these FAR cases, refer to the specific item number and subject set forth in the documents following these item summaries.

Federal Acquisition Circular 97-22 amends the FAR as specified below:

Item I—Definitions (FAR Case 1999-403)

This final rule clarifies the applicability of definitions used in the FAR, eliminates redundant or conflicting definitions, and makes definitions easier to find. The rule—

- Relocates definitions of terms that are used in more than one FAR part with the same meaning to 2.101;
- Relocates other definitions of terms to the “Definitions” section of the highest level FAR division (part, subpart, or section) where the term as defined is used. For example, if a term was defined in a FAR section, but the term is used as defined in another section of that subpart, then the definition was moved to the “Definitions” section of that subpart;
- Clarifies that a term, defined in FAR 2.101, has the same meaning throughout the FAR unless the context in which the term is used clearly requires a different meaning; or unless another FAR part, subpart, or section provides a different definition for that particular part, subpart, or section;
- Adds cross-references to definitions of terms in FAR 2.101 that are defined differently in another part, subpart, or section of the FAR; and
- Makes technical corrections throughout the FAR.

Item II—Applicability, Thresholds and Waiver of Cost Accounting Standards Coverage (FAR Case 2000-301)

The interim rule published as Item VIII of FAC 97-18 (65 FR 36028, June

6, 2000) is converted to a final rule without change. This rule amends FAR Subpart 30.2, CAS Program Requirements, and the FAR clause at 52.230-1, Cost Accounting Standards Notices and Certification, to implement Section 802 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Pub. L. 106-65) and the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) Board’s final rule, Applicability, Thresholds and Waiver of Cost Accounting Standards Coverage. The FAR rule revises policies affecting which contractors and subcontractors must comply with CAS by—

- Removing the requirement at FAR 52.230-1, Cost Accounting Standards Notices and Certification, that a contractor or subcontractor must have received at least one CAS-covered contract exceeding \$1 million (“trigger contract”) to be subject to “full CAS coverage.” The CAS Board added a new “trigger contract” dollar amount of \$7.5 million at paragraph (b)(7) of 48 CFR 9903.201-1, CAS applicability, which is already referenced at FAR 30.201-1;
- Revising FAR 30.201-4(b), Disclosure and consistency of cost accounting practices, and FAR 52.230-1 to increase the dollar threshold for full CAS coverage from \$25 million to \$50 million; and
- Revising the CAS waiver procedures and conditions at FAR 30.201-5.

Item III—Advance Payments for Non-Commercial Items (FAR Case 99-016)

This final rule amends the FAR to permit federally insured credit unions, in addition to banks, to participate in the maintenance of special accounts for advance payments. The rule will only affect contracting officers that provide contract financing using advance payments for non-commercial items.

Item IV—Part 12 and Assignment of Claims (FAR Case 1999-021)

This final rule amends the FAR to correct an inconsistency between two clauses related to the assignment of claims. FAR 52.232-36, Payment by Third Party, prohibits a contractor from assigning its rights to receive payment under the contract if payment is made by a third party, such as when a Governmentwide commercial purchase card is used. This clause is cited in the contract clause at FAR 52.212-5 that addresses terms and conditions required to implement statutes or Executive orders for commercial items.

FAR 52.212-4, Contract Terms and Conditions—Commercial Items, addresses assignment of claims but does not include the third party prohibition. This rule revises FAR 52.212-4(b) to add the prohibition.

Item V—Clause Flowdown—Commercial Items (FAR Case 1996-023)

This final rule amends the clause at FAR 52.244-6, Subcontracts for Commercial Items, to revise the listing of clauses the contractor must flow down to subcontractors. The rule revises the listing to add the clause at FAR 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns, when specified circumstances have been met. In addition, the rule adds language to inform contractors that they may flow down a minimal number of additional clauses to subcontractors to satisfy their contractual obligations.

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