

acquisition process, while allowing the acquisition workforce the flexibility to innovate. The transformed DFARS will contain only requirements of law, DoD-wide policies, delegations of FAR authorities, deviations from FAR requirements, and policies/procedures that have a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of DoD or a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. Additional information on the DFARS Transformation initiative is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dfars/transf.htm>.

This proposed rule is a result of the DFARS Transformation initiative. Section 19.1007(a)(2) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation requires inclusion of a statement on the face page of each contract awarded under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program, to identify the contract as an award under the Program. To accommodate the use of automated systems, this proposed DFARS rule specifies that, when it is not practical to mark the face page of an award document, alternate means may be used to identify a contract as an award under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this rule to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, because the rule proposes an administrative change to accommodate the use of automated contracting systems. Therefore, DoD has not performed an initial regulatory flexibility analysis. DoD invites comments from small businesses and other interested parties. DoD also will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2003–D063.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply, because the rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 219

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR part 219 as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 219 continues to read as follows:

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

PART 219—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

2. Section 219.1007 is amended by adding paragraph (a)(2) to read as follows:

219.1007 Procedures.

(a)(2) When it is not practical to mark the face page of an award document, alternative means may be used to identify the contract as an award under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 225

[DFARS Case 2004–D002]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Polyacrylonitrile Carbon Fiber—Restriction to Domestic Sources

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to extend the ending date for phasing out domestic source restrictions on the acquisition of polyacrylonitrile (PAN) carbon fiber. The ending date will be extended from May 31, 2005, to May 31, 2006.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before August 24, 2004, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by DFARS Case 2004–D002, using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Defense Acquisition Regulations Web site: <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/>

dfars.nsf/pubcomm. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: dfars@osd.mil. Include DFARS Case 2004–D002 in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: (703) 602–0350.

- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202–3402.

All comments received will be posted to <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, (703) 602–0328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This rule proposes amendments to DFARS Subpart 225.71 to extend the ending date for phasing out domestic source restrictions on the acquisition of PAN carbon fiber from May 31, 2005, to May 31, 2006. The clause at DFARS 252.225–7022, Restriction on Acquisition of Polyacrylonitrile (PAN) Carbon Fiber, will be required in solicitations and contracts for major systems issued on or before May 31, 2006, if the system is not yet in development and demonstration.

The current phase-out schedule was added to the DFARS on December 13, 2000 (65 FR 77832). The aerospace industry has requested an extension of the phase-out in order to provide U.S. companies sufficient time to maintain the industrial and technological capability to support a critical material used in advanced aerospace weapons programs. DoD considers a one-year extension to be appropriate at this time.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The proposed rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because there are no known domestic small business manufacturers of PAN carbon fiber. Therefore, DoD has not performed an initial regulatory flexibility analysis. DoD invites comments from small businesses and other interested parties. DoD also will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such

comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2004–D002.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 225

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR part 225 as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 225 continues to read as follows:

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

PART 225—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

2. Section 225.7103–1 is amended by revising the second sentence to read as follows:

225.7103–1 Policy.

* * * DoD is phasing out the restrictions over the period ending May 31, 2006. * * *

3. Section 225.7103–3 is revised to read as follows:

225.7103–3 Contract clause.

Use the clause at 252.225–7022, Restriction on Acquisition of Polyacrylonitrile (PAN) Carbon Fiber, in solicitations and contracts for major systems issued on or before May 31, 2006, if the system is not yet in engineering and manufacturing development (milestone B as defined in DoDI 5000.2).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 236

[DFARS Case 2003–D035]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Construction and Architect-Engineer Services

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to update text pertaining to selection of firms for architect-engineer contracts.

This proposed rule is a result of a transformation initiative undertaken by DoD to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DFARS.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before August 24, 2004, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by DFARS Case 2003–D035, using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- Defense Acquisition Regulations Web site: <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- E-mail: dfars@osd.mil. Include DFARS Case 2003–D035 in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: (703) 602–0350.
- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Mr. Euclides Barrera, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062.
- Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202–3402.

All comments received will be posted to <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Euclides Barrera, (703) 602–0296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DFARS Transformation is a major DoD initiative to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DFARS. The objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the acquisition process, while allowing the acquisition workforce the flexibility to innovate. The transformed DFARS will contain only requirements of law, DoD-wide policies, delegations of FAR authorities, deviations from FAR requirements, and policies/procedures that have a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of DoD or a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. Additional information on the DFARS Transformation initiative is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/transf.htm>.

This proposed rule is a result of the DFARS Transformation initiative. The proposed changes—

- Revise DFARS 236.602–1 to remove procedures for establishment of evaluation criteria in the selection of firms for architect-engineer contracts. This text will be relocated to the new

DFARS companion resource, Procedures, Guidance, and Information (PGI). A proposed rule describing the purpose and structure of PGI was published at 69 FR 8145 on February 23, 2004.

- Remove unnecessary text on preselection boards and selection authorities at DFARS 236.602–2 and 236.602–4.
- Amend DFARS 236.604 to reflect replacement of Standard Form 254, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire, with Standard Form 330, Architect-Engineer Qualifications.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this rule to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, because the changes in the rule represent no substantive change to policy with regard to selection of firms for architect-engineer contracts. Therefore, DoD has not performed an initial regulatory flexibility analysis. DoD invites comments from small businesses and other interested parties. DoD also will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2003–D035.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 236

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR part 236 as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 236 continues to read as follows:

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

PART 236—CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECT-ENGINEER CONTRACTS

2. Section 236.602–1 is revised to read as follows: