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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please see the information provided in the direct final action, with the same title, "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Delaware; State Board Requirements," that is located in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register** publication.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

#### 48 CFR Parts 226 and 252

**RIN 0750-AH85**

#### Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Encouragement of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Programs (DFARS Case 2012-D027); Withdrawal

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule, withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** DoD hereby provides notice of the cancellation of a proposed rule without further action. DoD has determined that the proposed amendment to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) is not a necessary part of the Department's plan to implement a section of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, that requires DoD to encourage contractors to develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs.

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

DoD published a proposed rule to amend the DFARS to implement section 862 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012, which requires DoD to encourage contractors to develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs. The purpose of this Notice is to advise that the proposed rule is cancelled without further action. At this time, DoD is in the process of reassessing the most effective and efficient methods by which it can encourage contractors to develop science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) programs.

The cancelled proposed rule is identified by RIN 0750-AH85, Encouragement of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Programs. It was published in the **Federal Register** at 78 FR 13604-13606.

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