

at 89 FR 79003 to implement a recommendation made by the Government Accountability Office (GAO) in its report GAO–20–81, Additional Actions Needed to Improve Public Access to Research Results, published in November 2019. GAO recommended increasing public access to Federally funded research results, including publications and data, as called for in a 2013 Office of Science and Technology Policy memorandum. In this report, GAO recommended that DoD take steps to ensure appropriate agency-funded research data are readily findable and accessible to the public.

DoD has determined that the proposed rule's objective of improving public access to research results is sufficiently addressed in existing policy and regulation. Therefore, implementation in the DFARS is not necessary, and the proposed rule is withdrawn.

#### **List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 235 and 252**

Government procurement.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Defense Acquisition Regulations System**

#### **48 CFR Part 252**

**[Docket DARS–2024–0032]**

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#### **Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: 8(a) Program (DFARS Case 2024–D025)**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** DoD is withdrawing the proposed rule to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) for the case titled: 8(a) Program (DFARS Case 2024–D025). Accordingly, this proposed rule is withdrawn, and the DFARS case is closed.

**DATES:** The proposed rule published on October 10, 2024, at 89 FR 82196 is withdrawn as of July 18, 2025.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoD published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** on October 10, 2024, at 89 FR 82196 to revise the DFARS to align with changes made to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) via the final rules published in the **Federal Register** on August 11, 2021 (86 FR 44233) and on September 23, 2022 (87 FR 58219). The final rule for FAR Case 2016–011, Revision of Limitations on Subcontracting, published on August 11, 2021, standardized the application

of the nonmanufacturer rule requirements for the socioeconomic programs identified at FAR 19.000(a)(3). The final rule for FAR Case 2017–019, Policy on Joint Ventures, published on September 23, 2022, clarified the eligibility of joint ventures under the 8(a) Program.

DoD also proposed to amend the DFARS to align with the proposed rule for FAR Case 2021–020, Limitations on Subcontracting, published on January 17, 2024 (89 FR 2910). This FAR rule proposed to remove the nonmanufacturer rule requirements for 8(a) participants from FAR 19.809–2, as was intended to be accomplished via the final rule published on August 11, 2021, and to remove the kit assembler rule set from the nonmanufacturer rule. DoD proposed to make similar changes in the DFARS.

Executive Order 14275, Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement, requires that the FAR be amended to ensure it contains only provisions that are required by statute or that are necessary to support simplicity and usability, strengthen the efficacy of the procurement system, or protect economic or national security interests. Amendments to the FAR resulting from this Executive Order may drive revisions to the DFARS. Accordingly, the proposed rule is withdrawn and DFARS Case 2024–D025 is closed.

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