

ultimately require that FAR 15.503(b)(1)(iv) addressing the release of unit prices be clarified. The Councils will continue to evaluate this issue and will consider whether a case needs to be opened to address this issue.

This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under Section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

## B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration certify that this final rule will not 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 primarily clarifies language pertaining to disclosure of information in post-award debriefings currently authorized by statute and does not change existing policy.

## C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FAR do not impose 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 52

Government procurement.

Dated: December 4, 2003.

**Laura Auletta,**

*Director, Acquisition Policy Division.*

■ Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR part 52 as set forth below:

### PART 52—SOLICITATIONS PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 52 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

■ 2. Amend section 52.212–1 by revising the date of the provision; and adding paragraph (l) to read as follows:

#### 52.212–1 Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items.

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#### Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items (JAN 2004)

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(l) *Debriefing.* If a post-award debriefing is given to requesting offerors, the Government

shall disclose the following information, if applicable:

(1) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed offeror's offer.

(2) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful and the debriefed offeror and past performance information on the debriefed offeror.

(3) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.

(4) A summary of the rationale for award;

(5) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror.

(6) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed offeror as to whether source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed by the agency.

(End of provision)

■ 3. Amend section 52.215–1 by revising the date of the provision and paragraph (f)(11) to read as follows:

#### 52.215–1 Instructions to Offerors—Competitive Acquisition.

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#### Instructions to Offerors—Competitive Acquisition (Jan 2004)

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(f) \* \* \*

(11) If a post-award debriefing is given to requesting offerors, the Government shall disclose the following information, if applicable:

(i) The agency's evaluation of the significant weak or deficient factors in the debriefed offeror's offer.

(ii) The overall evaluated cost or price and technical rating of the successful and the debriefed offeror and past performance information on the debriefed offeror.

(iii) The overall ranking of all offerors, when any ranking was developed by the agency during source selection.

(iv) A summary of the rationale for award.

(v) For acquisitions of commercial items, the make and model of the item to be delivered by the successful offeror.

(vi) Reasonable responses to relevant questions posed by the debriefed offeror as to whether source-selection procedures set forth in the solicitation, applicable regulations, and other applicable authorities were followed by the agency.

(End of provision)

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

### 48 CFR Parts 1, 6, 13, 25, and 52

[FAC 2001–18; Item VIII]

### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This document makes amendments to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) in order to update references and make editorial changes.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* December 11, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The FAR Secretariat, Room 4035, GS Building, Washington, DC 20405, (202) 501–4755, for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. Please cite FAC 2001–18, Technical Amendments.

### List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1, 6, 13, 25, and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: December 4, 2003.

**Laura Auletta,**

*Director, Acquisition Policy Division.*

■ Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 1, 6, 13, 25, and 52 as set forth below:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 1, 6, 13, 25, and 52 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

### PART 1—FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM

#### 1.201–1 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend section 1.201–1 in paragraph (b)(1) by adding “Homeland Security,” after “Health and Human Services,”.

### PART 6—COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

#### 6.302–7 [Amended]

■ 3. Amend section 6.302–7 in paragraph (c)(1)(i) by removing “Transportation” and adding “Homeland Security” in its place.

**PART 13—SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES****13.500 [Amended]**

■ 4. Amend section 13.500 in the first sentence of paragraph (d) by removing “2004” and adding “2006” in its place.

**PART 25—FOREIGN ACQUISITION****25.701 [Amended]**

■ 5. Amend section 25.701 in the second sentence of paragraph (b) by removing “<http://www.epls.gov/Terlist1.html>” and adding “<http://www.epls.gov/TerList1.html>” in its place.

**PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES****52.204–7 [Amended]**

■ 6. Amend section 52.204–7 in Alternate I by removing “4.1104(a)” and adding “4.1104” in its place.

**52.211–2 [Amended]**

■ 7. Amend section 52.211–2 in the provision heading by removing “(Dec 1999)” and adding “(Jan 2004)” in its place; in paragraph (a) by removing “<http://assist.daps.mil>” and adding “<http://assist.daps.dla.mil>” in its place;

and in paragraph (b) by removing “(215) 697–2667/2179” and adding “(215) 697–2179” in its place.

**52.225–13 [Amended]**

■ 8. Amend section 52.225–13 in the clause heading by removing “(Oct 2003)” and adding “(Jan 2004)” in its place; and in the second sentence of paragraph (b) of the clause by removing “<http://www.epls.gov/Terlist1.html>” and adding “<http://www.epls.gov/TerList1.html>” in its place.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Chapter 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. It consists of a summary of rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2001–18 which amend the FAR. An asterisk (\*) next to a rule indicates that a regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain further information regarding these rules by referring to FAC 2001–18 which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the Internet at <http://www.arnet.gov/far>.

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**Item I—New Consolidated Form for Selection of Architect-Engine Contractors (FAR Case 2000–608)**

This final rule amends the FAR to replace SF 254, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire, and SF 255, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire for Specific Projects, with SF 330, Architect-Engineer Qualifications. The SF 330 reflects current architect-engineer practices in a streamlined and updated format and is organized into data blocks that readily support automation. An interagency *ad hoc* committee developed the SF 330. It was based on the results of a joint Federal-industry survey of the existing SFs 254 and 255 conducted by the Standing Committee on Procurement and Contracting of the Federal Facilities Council (FCC) in 1995 and published in 1996 as FCC Report Number 130, entitled “Survey on the

Use of SFs 254 and 255 for Architect-Engineer Qualifications.” The survey’s purpose was to evaluate the current use of the forms, which are used for the submission of qualifications by architect-engineer (A–E) firms interested in Federal contracts, and to identify possible improvements which would enable the existing forms to better serve the needs of Federal agencies and the A–E industry.

The policies and the SF 330, Architect-Engineer Qualifications, of this final rule are effective for all agencies and their solicitations issued on or after January 12, 2004. However, agencies may delay implementation of this final rule until June 8, 2004, at which time it becomes mandatory for all agencies and their solicitations issued on or after that date. Use of the SF 330 becomes effective January 12, 2004. However, until June 8, 2004, agencies

may authorize the continued use of the SFs 254 and 255 instead.

**Item II—Depreciation Cost Principle (FAR Case 2001–026)**

This final rule amends FAR parts 2 and 31 to revise the depreciation cost principle (FAR 31.205–11) by improving clarity and structure and removing unnecessary and duplicative language. The case was initiated at the request of the Aerospace Industries Association. The rule does not change the allowability of depreciation costs. However, changes have been made that may effect the determination of depreciable costs for tangible personal property; for example, only residual values in excess of 10 percent need be used and residual values need not be recognized when certain depreciation methods are used. This rule is of particular interest to contractors and contracting officers who use cost