

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 incidence of the use of bonds secured by interest in real property is very low.

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. Chapter 35, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 28 and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: August 4, 2009.

Al Matera,

Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

■ Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 28 and 52 as set forth below:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 28 and 52 continues 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 28—BONDS AND INSURANCE

■ 2. Amend section 28.203–3 by revising paragraph (a)(1) and removing from paragraph (d) “shall be” and adding “shall be signed by all owners of the property and” in its place.

■ The revised text reads as follows.

28.203–3 Acceptance of real property.

(a) * * *

(1) A mortgagee title insurance policy, in an insurance amount equal to the amount of the lien, or other evidence of title that is consistent with the requirements of Section 2 of the United States Department of Justice Title Standards at http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/2001_Title_Standards.html. This title evidence must show fee simple title vested in the surety along with any concurrent owners; whether any real estate taxes are due and payable; and any recorded encumbrances against the

property, including the lien filed in favor of the Government under paragraph (d) of this subsection. Agency contracting officers should request the assistance of their designated agency legal counsel in determining if the title evidence is consistent with the Department of Justice standards;

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PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

■ 3. Amend section 52.228–11 by—

■ a. Revising the date of the clause;

■ b. Removing from paragraph (b)(1) “and/or;” and adding “; and/or” in its place; and

■ c. Revising paragraph (b)(2)(i).

■ The revised text reads as follows:

52.228–11 Pledges of Assets.

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PLEDGES OF ASSETS (Sept 2009)

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(b) * * *

(2) * * *

(i) A mortgagee title insurance policy, in an insurance amount equal to the amount of the lien, or other evidence of title that is consistent with the requirements of Section 2 of the United States Department of Justice Title Standards at http://www.usdoj.gov/enrd/2001_Title_Standards.html. This title evidence must show fee simple title vested in the surety along with any concurrent owners; whether any real estate taxes are due and payable; and any recorded encumbrances against the property, including the lien filed in favor of the Government as required by FAR 28.203–3(d);

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48 CFR Parts 30 and 52

[FAC 2005–36; FAR Case 2007–002; Item VI; Docket 2008–0001, Sequence 22]

RIN 9000–AL09

Federal Acquisition Regulation; FAR Case 2007–002, Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) Administration and Associated Federal Acquisition Regulation Clauses

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) have agreed on a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to revise the contract clauses related to the administration of the Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) to maintain consistency between the FAR and CAS.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 11, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact Mr. Edward N. Chambers, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501–3221. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the FAR Secretariat at (202) 501–4755. Please cite FAR Case 2007–002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The CAS Board published a final rule in the **Federal Register** at 72 FR 32809 on June 14, 2007, revising the contract clauses for CAS administration. The final rule effected the following changes:

- Amended the CAS applicability threshold to be the same as the threshold for compliance with the Truth in Negotiations Act (TINA) as required by section 822 of the 2006 National Defense Authorization Act (Pub. L. 109–163). The TINA threshold is currently \$650,000.

- Changed the effective dates of 48 CFR 9903.201–3 and 48 CFR 9903.201–4(a), (c), and (e) from April 2000 and June 2000, respectively, to June 2007.

The CAS Board published a final rule in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 37470 on June 14, 2000, revising the contract clauses for CAS administration. The final rule specified that the interest rate for overpayments by the Government under 48 CFR 9903.201–4(a), (c), and (e) shall be computed at the annual rate established under section 6621(a)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (26 U.S.C. 6621(a)(2)).

In order to maintain consistency between CAS and FAR, the Councils issued an interim rule revising 30.201–4 and 50.230–1 through 50.230–5.

This final rule adopts, without change, the interim rule published in the **Federal Register** at 73 FR 54011 on September 17, 2008. No public comments were received in response to the interim rule.

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, at 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because contracts and subcontracts awarded to small businesses are exempt from the Cost Accounting Standards.

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. Chapter 35, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 30 and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: August 4, 2009.

Al Matera,

Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

Interim Rule Adopted as Final Without Change

■ Accordingly, the interim rule amending 48 CFR parts 30 and 52, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 73 FR 54011 on September 17, 2008, is adopted as a final rule without change.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 32 and 52

[FAC 2005-36; Item VII; Docket 2009-0003, Sequence 4]

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 in order to make editorial changes.

DATES: *Effective Date:* August 11, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Regulatory Secretariat, 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4041, Washington, DC, 20405, (202) 501-4755, for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. Please cite FAC 2005-35, Technical Amendments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document makes amendments to the Federal Acquisition Regulation in order to make editorial changes.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 32 and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: August 4, 2009.

Al Matera,

Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

■ Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 32 and 52 as set forth below:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 32 and 52 continues 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 32—CONTRACT FINANCING

32.503-9 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend section 32.503-9 in paragraph (a)(7) by removing paragraph “(a)(4)” and adding paragraph “(a)(5)” in its place.

PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.213-4 [Amended]

■ 3. Amend section 52.213-4 by revising the date of the clause; and removing from paragraph (a)(2)(vi) “(Mar 2009)” and adding August 11, 2009 in its place.

■ 4. Amend section 52.244-6 by—

■ a. Revising the date of the clause; and

■ b. Revising paragraphs (c)(1)(i), (c)(1)(ii), (c)(1)(iii), (c)(1)(vii), and (c)(1)(ix) to read as follows: 52.244-6 Subcontracts for Commercial Items.

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SUBCONTRACTS FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS (August 11, 2009)

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(c)(1) * * *

(i) 52.203-13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct (Dec 2008) (Pub. L. 110-252, Title VI, Chapter 1 (41 U.S.C. 251 note)), if the subcontract exceeds \$5,000,000 and has a performance period of more than 120 days. In altering this clause to identify the appropriate parties, all disclosures

of violation of the civil False Claims Act or of Federal criminal law shall be directed to the agency Office of the Inspector General, with a copy to the Contracting Officer.

(ii) 52.203-15, Whistleblower Protections Under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Section 1553 of Pub. L. 111-5), if the subcontract is funded under the Recovery Act. (iii) 52.219-8, Utilization of Small Business Concerns (May 2004) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(2) and (3)), if the subcontract offers further subcontracting opportunities. If the subcontract (except subcontracts to small business concerns) exceeds \$550,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction of any public facility), the subcontractor must include 52.219-8 in lower tier subcontracts that offer subcontracting opportunities.

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(vii) 52.222-39, Notification of Employee Rights Concerning Payment of Union Dues or Fees (Dec 2004) (E.O. 13201), if flow down is required in accordance with paragraph (g) of FAR clause 52.222-39.

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(ix) 52.247-64, Preference for Privately Owned U.S.-Flag Commercial Vessels (Feb 2006) (46 U.S.C. App. 1241 and 10 U.S.C. 2631), if flow down is required in accordance with paragraph (d) of FAR clause 52.247-64.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Chapter 1

[Docket FAR 2009-0002, Sequence 7]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-36; 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 of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. This Small Entity Compliance Guide