

This final rule is a result of the DFARS Transformation initiative. The rule deletes obsolete procedures for screening of Government inventory before authorizing a contractor to purchase information technology equipment. DoD now manages information technology equipment in the same manner as other Government property, in accordance with FAR Part 45 and DFARS Part 245.

DoD published a proposed rule at 69 FR 67884 on November 22, 2004. DoD received no comments on the proposed rule. Therefore, DoD has adopted the proposed rule as a final rule without change.

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 certifies 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 DFARS changes in this rule are limited to the deletion of obsolete procedures for screening the Government's inventory of information technology equipment.

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 239

Government procurement.

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Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

■ Therefore, 48 CFR part 239 is amended as follows:

PART 239—ACQUISITION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 239 continues to read as follows:

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

Subpart 239.73—[Removed and Reserved]

■ 2. Subpart 239.73 is removed and reserved.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 239

[DFARS Case 2003–D055]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition of Telecommunications Services

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to update text pertaining to the acquisition of telecommunications services. This rule is a result of a transformation initiative undertaken by DoD to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DFARS.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 9, 2005.

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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/dpap/dars/dfars/transformation/index.htm>.

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

- Amends DFARS 239.7401 to update terminology for consistency with the terminology used in the clause at DFARS 252.239–7016; and
- Revises DFARS 239.7405 to delete obsolete text and to add text addressing DoD's authority to enter into contracts for telecommunications services.

DoD published a proposed rule at 70 FR 8564 on February 22, 2005. DoD received no comments on the proposed rule. Therefore, DoD has adopted the

proposed rule as a final rule without change.

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 certifies 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 makes no significant change to DoD policy for the acquisition of telecommunications services.

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.*

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PART 239—ACQUISITION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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

239.7401 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 239.7401 is amended in paragraph (e) by removing “Security,” and adding in its place “Securing.”.

■ 3. Section 239.7405 is revised to read as follows:

239.7405 Delegated authority for telecommunications resources.

The contracting officer may enter into a telecommunications service contract on a month-to-month basis or for any longer period or series of periods, not to exceed a total of 10 years. See PGI 239.7405 for documents relating to this contracting authority, which the General Services Administration has delegated to DoD.

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