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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The final rule amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation by modifying the provision at FAR 52.204-8 to include a new paragraph (a) that replicates the same paragraph of the provision at FAR 52.219-1(a).

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2001-026 made effective the use of the provision at FAR 52.204-8 for most procurements. The prescription for its use also directs that the provision at FAR 52.219-1(a) not be included in solicitations, as it is now included in the Online Representations and Certifications Application (ORCA). The FAR provision at 52.219-1(a), when it is included in solicitations, is the place wherein the contracting officer includes the NAICS code and small business size standard applicable to the procurement. There needs to be a similar paragraph available in FAR 52.204-8, the exclusion of which was an oversight in FAC 2001-026.

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 Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply to this rule. This final rule does not constitute a significant FAR revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577, and publication for public comments is not required. However, the Councils will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR Part 52 in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Interested parties must submit such comments separately and should cite 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* (FAC 2005-07, FAR case 2005-006), in correspondence.

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 22, 2005.

Gerald Zaffos,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

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

PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 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).

■ 2. Amend section 52.204-8 by—

■ a. Revising the date of the provision;

■ b. Redesignating paragraphs (a) and (b) as paragraphs (b) and (c), respectively;

■ c. Adding a new paragraph (a); and

■ d. Removing from newly designated paragraph (b)(1) and the introductory text of paragraph (b)(2) “paragraph (b)” and adding “paragraph (c)” in its place; and removing from newly redesignated (b)(2)(i) and (b)(2)(ii) “Paragraph (b)” and adding “Paragraph (c)” in its place.

■ The revised and added text reads as follows:

52.204-8 Annual Representations and Certifications.

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ANNUAL REPRESENTATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS (JAN 2006)

(a)(1) The North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code for this acquisition is _____ [insert NAICS code].

(2) The small business size standard is _____ [insert size standard].

(3) The small business size standard for a concern which submits an offer in its own name, other than on a construction or service contract, but which proposes to furnish a product which it did not itself manufacture, is 500 employees.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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48 CFR Parts 9, 11, 25, 27, 34, 38, 39, 43, 46, 48, 50, and 52

[FAC 2005-07; Item XI]

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 make editorial corrections and updates the Federal Acquisition Regulation's authority citation.

DATES: *Effective Date:* January 3, 2006.

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 2005-07, Technical Amendments.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 9, 11, 25, 27, 34, 38, 39, 43, 46, 48, 50, and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: December 22, 2005.

Gerald Zaffos,

Director, Contract Policy Division.

■ Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 9, 11, 25, 27, 34, 38, 39, 43, 46, 48, 50, and 52 as set forth below:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 9, 11, 25, 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).

■ 2. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 27, 34, 38, 39, 43, 46, 48, and 50 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 9—CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

■ 3. Amend section 9.203 by revising paragraph (b)(2) to read as follows:

9.203 QPL's, QML's, and QBL's.

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(b) * * *

(2) Department of Defense Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization

Information System (ASSIST) at (<http://assist.daps.dla.mil>).

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PART 11—DESCRIBING AGENCY NEEDS

■ 4. Amend section 11.102 by revising the third and fourth sentences to read as follows:

11.102 Standardization program.

* * * DoD 4120.24–M may be obtained from DoD (see 11.201(d)(2) or 11.201(d)(3)). FIPS PUBS may be obtained from the Government Printing Office (GPO), or the Department of Commerce's National Technical Information Service (NTIS) (see address in 11.201(d)(4)).

■ 5. Amend section 11.201 by—

■ a. Removing from the first sentence of the introductory text of paragraph (a) “DoD Index of Specifications and Standards (DoDISS)” and adding “DoD Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System (ASSIST)” in its place;

■ b. Removing from the first sentence of paragraph (b) “DoDISS” and adding “ASSIST” in its place; and

■ c. Revising paragraph (d)(2); redesignating paragraph (d)(3) as paragraph (d)(4), and adding a new paragraph (d)(3) to read as follows:

11.201 Identification and availability of specifications.

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(d)(1) * * *

(2) Most unclassified Defense specifications and standards may be downloaded from the following ASSIST websites:

(i) ASSIST (<http://assist.daps.dla.mil>).

(ii) Quick Search (<http://assist.daps.dla.mil/quicksearch>).

(iii) ASSISTdocs.com (<http://assistdocs.com>).

(3) Documents not available from ASSIST may be ordered from the Department of Defense Single Stock Point (DoDSSP) by—

(i) Using the ASSIST Shopping Wizard (<http://assist.daps.dla.mil/wizard>);

(ii) Phoning the DoDSSP Customer Service Desk, (215) 697–2179, Mon-Fri, 0730 to 1600 EST; or

(iii) Ordering from DoDSSP, Building 4, Section D, 700 Robbins Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111–5094, Telephone (215) 697–2667/2179, Facsimile (215) 697–1462.

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■ 6. Amend section 11.204 by revising paragraph (b) to read as follows:

11.204 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

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(b) The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 52.211–2, Availability of Specifications, Standards, and Data Item Descriptions Listed in the Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System (ASSIST), in solicitations that cite specifications listed in the ASSIST that are not furnished with the solicitation.

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PART 25—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

25.1101 [Amended]

■ 7. Amend section 25.1101 in the second sentence of paragraph (e)(2) by removing “paragraphs (b)(1) and (i)(2)” and adding “paragraphs (c)(1) and (j)(2)” in its place.

PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

■ 8. Revise section 52.211–2 to read as follows:

52.211–2 Availability of Specifications, Standards, and Data Item Descriptions Listed in the Acquisition Streamlining and Standardization Information System (ASSIST).

As prescribed in 11.204(b), insert the following provision:

AVAILABILITY OF SPECIFICATIONS, STANDARDS, AND DATA ITEM DESCRIPTIONS LISTED IN THE ACQUISITION STREAMLINING AND STANDARDIZATION INFORMATION SYSTEM (ASSIST) (JAN 2006)

(a) Most unclassified Defense specifications and standards may be downloaded from the following ASSIST websites:

(1) ASSIST (<http://assist.daps.dla.mil>);

(2) Quick Search (<http://assist.daps.dla.mil/quicksearch>);

(3) ASSISTdocs.com (<http://assistdocs.com>).

(b) Documents not available from ASSIST may be ordered from the Department of Defense Single Stock Point (DoDSSP) by—

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(End of provision)

■ 9. Amend section 52.212–1 by revising the date and paragraph (i)(2) of the provision; redesignating paragraph (i)(3) as paragraph (i)(4); and adding a new paragraph (i)(3) to read as follows:

52.212–1 Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Items.

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INSTRUCTIONS TO OFFERORS—COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 2006)

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(i) * * *

(2) Most unclassified Defense specifications and standards may be downloaded from the following ASSIST websites:

(i) ASSIST (<http://assist.daps.dla.mil>).

(ii) Quick Search (<http://assist.daps.dla.mil/quicksearch>).

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

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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