

## SUBCHAPTER D—SOCIOECONOMIC PROGRAMS

### PART PHS 323—ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION, AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY

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#### Subpart PHS 323.70—Safety and Health

##### **PHS 323.7000 Scope of subpart.**

This subpart prescribes the use of a safety and health clause in contracts involving hazardous material or operations, and procedures for developing and administering safety and health provisions.

##### **PHS 323.7001 General.**

Various statutes and regulations (e.g., Walsh-Healey Act; Service Contract Act) require adherence to minimum safety and health standards by contractors engaged in potentially hazardous work. Positive action to reduce accidents and conditions hazardous to health under all contracts is in the Government's interest since the cost of such accident and health hazards is borne by the Government through higher prices and sometimes by direct indemnification of contractors against liability claims.

##### **PHS 323.7002 Policy.**

(a) The guidance contained in FAR Subpart 23.3 shall be used for hazardous material as the primary reference. When that guidance is judged insufficient or does not meet the safety and health situation in the instant acquisition, this subpart shall be followed.

(b) Whenever the performance of a contract will require use of hazardous materials or operations, the contract-

ing activity shall require the prime contractor and subcontractors to:

(1) Provide protection for the life and health of PHS employees, contractor employees, other persons involved with work on PHS programs and projects, and the public;

(2) Avoid accidental work interruptions which could delay progress of PHS programs and project;

(3) Maintain controls for the prevention of damage and loss to property; and

(4) Accumulate and provide data necessary for analysis of risk and loss factors relating to PHS programs and projects.

##### **PHS 323.7003 Actions required.**

(a) *Contracting activities.* Contracting activities shall use the clause set forth in PHS 352.223-70 as a guide in developing appropriate safety and health clauses for use in prospective contracts involving the following:

(1) Services or products;

(2) Research, development, or test projects;

(3) Transportation of hazardous materials; and

(4) Construction, including construction of facilities on the contractor's premises.

(b) *Safety officers.* OPDIV safety officers shall advise and assist initiators of acquisition requests and contracting officers in:

(1) Determining whether safety and health provisions should be included in a prospective contract;

(2) Selecting or developing safety and health clause provisions for incorporation in a prospective contract;

(3) Evaluating a prospective contractor's safety and health programs; and

(4) Conducting post-award review and surveillance to the extent deemed necessary.

(c) *Initiators.* Initiators of acquisition requests for items described in paragraph (a) of this section shall:

(1) During the preparation of a request for contract, and in the RFP or IFB:

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(i) Ensure that hazardous materials and operations to be utilized in the performance of the contract are clearly identified; and

(ii) Coordinate with the appropriate safety officer to ensure that all hazardous materials and operations are evaluated and that adequate safety requirements are established in the RFP or IFB.

(2) During the period of performance:

(i) Apprise the contracting officer of any noncompliance with safety and health provisions identified in the contract; and

(ii) Cooperate with the safety officer in conducting review and surveillance activities.

**PHS 323.7004 Contract clause.**

All contracts which require the use of hazardous materials or operations shall include a clause to provide adherence to minimum safety and health standards. The clause set forth in PHS 352.223-70 may be used or appropriately modified to meet the needs of the individual contract.

**PHS 323.7005 Solicitation notice—construction.**

The contracting officer shall include the clause in PHS 352.223-71 in all solicitations and resultant contracts for construction and construction services.

## SUBCHAPTER E—GENERAL CONTRACTING REQUIREMENTS

### PART PHS 333—PROTESTS, DISPUTES, AND APPEALS

#### Subpart PHS 333.1—Protests

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PHS 333.102 General.

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#### Subpart PHS 333.1—Protests

##### **PHS 333.102 General.**

The Division of Grants and Contracts (DGC), ORM/OM/PHS, will participate directly in the resolution of protests against PHS agencies when the Office of the Secretary, HHS, requests DGC involvement, or when DGC considers a protest action to be sensitive or controversial, or otherwise has an interest in the protest. In cases where DGC will participate, the cognizant PHS contracting office shall be notified. In those instances, all file materials and written statements normally forwarded directly to the Departmental Protest Control Officer shall be forwarded to DGC, ORM/OM/PHS.

##### **PHS 333.104 Protests to GAO.**

(a) *General.* (2) A copy of the protest files shall be sent to the Office of General Counsel, Business and Administrative Law Division (OGC-BAL), Park-

lawn Building, Room 17A-32, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. In addition, an information copy of the contracting officer's statement of facts required by 333.104(a)(2)(i) shall be sent to the Contracts Management Branch, DGC/ORM/OM/PHS.

(b) *Protests before award.* (1) The head of the contracting activity authority to approve the written finding required by FAR 33.104(b)(1) to authorize a contract award while a protest is pending, may be delegated to an organizational level no lower than the Executive Officer of each PHS Agency.

(4) The data shall be submitted as prescribed in PHS 333.104(a)(2).

(c) *Protests after award.* (1) The data shall be submitted as prescribed in PHS 333.104(a)(2).

(2) The head of the contracting activity authority to authorize contract performance notwithstanding a protest as set forth in FAR 33.104(c)(2), may be delegated to an organizational level no lower than the Executive Officer of each PHS Agency.

##### **PHS 333.105 Protests to GSBCA.**

(b) The copy of the protest file to be sent to OGC-BAL shall be sent to OGC-BAL, Parklawn Building, Room 17A-32, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. In addition, an information copy of the contracting officer's statement of facts required by 333.105(b)(1) shall be sent to the Contracts Management Branch, DGC/ORM/OM/PHS.

## SUBCHAPTER F—SPECIAL CATEGORIES OF CONTRACTING

### PART PHS 335—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTING

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301; 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

#### **PHS 335.080 Special determinations and findings affecting research and development contracting.**

The Assistant Secretary for Health shall sign individual and class determinations and findings for:

(a) Acquisition or construction of equipment or facilities on property not owned by the United States pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 241(a)(7); and

(b) Use of an indemnification provision in a research contract pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 241(a)(7).

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### PART PHS 336—CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECT-ENGINEER CONTRACTS

#### Subpart PHS 336.6—Architect-Engineer Services

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PHS 336.680 Program of Requirements approval.

PHS 336.681 Funding.

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#### Subpart PHS 336.6—Architect-Engineer Services

#### **PHS 336.680 Program of Requirements approval.**

The programmatic and technical requirements for PHS design projects are established in a special document known as a Program of Requirements (POR). In the case of design projects involving the construction of new space, including new facilities, replacement facilities, and building additions, the contracting officer shall ensure that the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health has approved, or waived approval of, a POR prior to the issuance of the synopsis or solicitation for architectural/engineering services.

#### **PHS 336.681 Funding.**

(a) The contracting officer shall ensure that the agency financial management officer has identified and certified that design funds have been appropriated and apportioned prior to the release of a synopsis or solicitation for architect-engineer services for the types of acquisitions specified in PHS 336.680. New facilities, replacement facilities, and building additions must only be acquired with funds appropriated for that specific project as evidenced by either (1) specific language in an appropriations act, or (2) Congressional appropriations intent as reflected in appropriations committee reports or Congressional budget justification.

(b) In the case of ADAMHA, FDA, HRSA, and NIH, the referenced agency financial management officer is the Director of the agency's Division of Financial Management. In the case of CDC, this official is the Director of the Financial Management Office. Subject to HRSA concurrence, funding for projects of the Indian Health Service/HRSA may be certified by the designated financial management officer within the IHS Office of Administration.

(c) The funding source certification shall include identification of the title, appropriation symbol, and fiscal year of the appropriation plus any relevant project or activity description in the appropriation act or reports.

(d) In an unusual circumstance where time is critical, a synopsis or solicitation for architect-engineer services may be issued after the POR has been approved if the agency financial management officer certifies that appropriation and apportionment of proper funds as set forth in paragraph (a) above are expected within 60 days. In such cases, the synopsis or solicitation must specify that award is subject to the availability of funds. In these circumstances the contracting officer shall ensure that contract award is not made until the agency financial management officer has certified in writing

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that proper funds have been appropriated and apportioned. Other exceptions to the funding requirements set forth in paragraph (a) above, must be specifically approved in writing by the

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health prior to the release of a synopsis or solicitation for architect-engineer services for new facilities, replacement facilities, and building additions.