

available, and obtains approval of the Commander, MSC; or

(2) The contracting officer determines that the freight charges proposed by U.S.-flag vessels to the Government are higher than charges to private persons for transportation of like goods, and obtains the approval of the Commander; MSC; or

(3) The Secretary of the Navy determines (see paragraph (f) of this subsection) that the freight charges for U.S.-flag vessels are excessive or otherwise unreasonable.

(f) When the contracting officer concludes, based solely on economic considerations, that the charge offered for a U.S.-flag vessel is excessive or otherwise unreasonable, the contracting officer will send a report through the head of the contracting activity to the Commander, MSC.

(1) The fact that it would be less expensive to use a foreign-flag vessel is an insufficient basis, on its own, to determine that the freight rate proposed by the U.S.-flag carrier is excessive or otherwise unreasonable. However, such a differential may indicate a need for further review.

(2) The Commander, MSC, will forward the report, if in agreement with the contracting officer, to the Secretary of the Navy for a determination.

(3) The report shall be in determination and finding format; take into consideration the factors in 247.572-1(d)(3); and include, as appropriate—

(i) An analysis of the carrier's cost in accordance with FAR subpart 15.8, or profit in accordance with DFARS subpart 215.9. The costs or profit should not be so high as to make it unreasonable to apply the preference for U.S.-flag vessels;

(ii) A description of efforts taken pursuant to FAR 15.803(d), to negotiate a reasonable price. For the purpose of FAR 15.803(d), this report is the referral to higher authority; and

(iii) An analysis of whether the cost is excessive (i.e., cost beyond the economic penalty normally incurred by excluding foreign competition), taking into consideration such factors as—

(A) The differential between freight charges by the U.S.-flag carrier and an estimate of what foreign-flag carriers

would charge based upon a price analysis;

(B) A comparison of rates charged by other U.S.-flag carriers on comparable routes;

(C) Efficiency of operation regardless of rate differential (i.e., suitability of the vessel capacity/cargo requirements; the commercial reasonableness of the vessel positioning required, etc.); and

(D) Any other relevant economic and financial considerations affecting the Government.

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247.573 Solicitation provision and contract clauses.

(a) Use the provision at 252.247-7022, Representation of Extent of Transportation by Sea, in full text, in all solicitations except—

(1) Those for direct purchase of ocean transportation services; or

(2) Those with an anticipated value below the small purchase limitation at FAR 13.000.

(b) Use the clause at 252.247-7023, Transportation of Supplies by Sea, in all solicitations and resultant contracts, in full text, except—

(1) Those for direct purchase of ocean transportation services; or

(2) Those with an anticipated value below the small purchase limitation at FAR 13.000.

(c) Use the clause at 252.247-7024, Notification of Transportation of Supplies by Sea, in full text, in all contracts for which the offeror made a negative response to the inquiry in the provision at 252.247-7022, Representation of Extent of Transportation by Sea.

(d) Use the clause at 252.247-7025, Re-flagging or Repair Work, in all time charter solicitations and contracts for the use of a vessel for the transportation of supplies, unless a waiver has been granted in accordance with 247.571(c).

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PART 248—VALUE ENGINEERING

AUTHORITY: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR chapter 1.

Subpart 248.2—Contract Clauses

248.270 Supplemental clause.

When one of the clauses prescribed by FAR subpart 48.2 is used and the contracting officer wants value engineering change proposals submitted in the format prescribed by MIL-STD-973, use the clause at 252.248-7000, Preparation of Value Engineering Change Proposals.

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AUTHORITY: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR chapter 1.

SOURCE: 56 FR 36471, July 31, 1991, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart 249.1—General Principles.

249.105 Duties of termination contracting officer after issuance of notice of termination.**249.105-1 Termination status report.**

When the contract administration office receives a termination notice, it will under Report Control Symbol DD-ACQ (AR) 1411—

(i) Prepare a DD Form 1598, Contract Termination Status Report;

(ii) Within 30 days, send one copy to the purchasing office and one copy to the headquarters office to which the contract administration office is directly responsible;

(iii) Continue reporting semiannually to cover the 6 month periods ending March and September. The semiannual reports must be submitted within 30 days after the end of the reporting period; and

(iv) Submit a final report within 30 days after closing the termination case.

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249.105-2 Release of excess funds.

The DD Form 1598, Contract Termination Status Report, may be used to recommend the release of excess funds. The final recommendation to release excess funds should include the appropriations and allocated amounts.

249.108 Settlement of subcontract settlement proposals.**249.108-4 Authorization for subcontract settlements without approval or ratification.**

(a)(1)(ii) Industrial plant equipment included in the inventory—

(1) Is subject to the screening requirements in FAR 45.608.

(2) Shall not be disposed of until screening is completed when the cost of that equipment is used in determining the amount of the claim.