

(f) Upon written request, providing small businesses (in the preference program areas named in 419.201) the bidders' mailing lists of individuals receiving solicitations which will contain the subcontracting clause entitled "Utilization of Small Business Concerns" (FAR 52.219-8). These lists may be limited to those supplies or services of major interest to the requesting firms.

(g) Developing a program of contacts with local and small (to include all preference program areas named in 419.201) trade, business, and professional associations and organizations and Indian tribal councils to apprise them of USDA's program needs and recurring contract requirements.

(h) Periodically meeting with program managers to discuss requirements of the small business preference program, to explore the feasibility of breaking large complex requirements into smaller lots suitable for participation by small firms, and to encourage program managers to meet with these firms so that their capabilities can be demonstrated.

(i) Establishing internal operating procedures which implement the requirements of the regulations as set forth in this part 419.

(j) Compiling data and preparing all reports pertaining to the small business program activities, and ensuring that these reports are accurate, complete and up-to-date.

(k) Assisting and counseling small business firms.

(l) Reviewing proposed large contract requirements that may be bundled to determine the potential for breaking out components suitable for purchase from small business firms.

(m) Ensuring that the SBA Resident Procurement Center Representative (PCR) is provided an opportunity and reasonable time to review any solicitation that meets the dollar threshold for small business (including all preference program areas named in 419.201) subcontracting plans.

419.201-73 Reports.

The Director, OSDBU, shall be responsible for submitting reports concerning USDA's progress and achieve-

ments in the procurement preference program.

Subpart 419.5—Set-Asides for Small Business

419.508 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 452.219-70, Size Standard and NAICS Code Information, in solicitations that are set aside for small businesses.

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Subpart 419.6—Certificates of Competency and Determinations of Responsibility

419.602 Procedures.

419.602-1 Referral.

Contracting officers shall refer determinations of non-responsibility regarding small businesses directly to the SBA Regional Office servicing the location where the contractor's office (home) is located.

419.602-3 Resolving differences between the agency and the Small Business Administration.

The HCA is authorized to appeal the issuance of a COC to SBA Headquarters as provided by FAR 19.602-3(a).

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- SOURCE: 61 FR 53646, Oct. 15, 1996, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart 422.1—Basic Labor Policies

422.103 Overtime.

422.103-4 Approvals.

Requests for the use of overtime shall be approved by an acquisition official at a level above the contracting officer in accordance with the procedures in FAR 22.103-4 (a) and (b).

Subpart 422.3—Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act

422.302 Liquidated damages and overtime pay.

Heads of contracting activities (HCA's) are authorized to review determinations of liquidated damages due under section 104(c) of the Contract

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Work Hours and Safety Standards Act, and to take remedial action, if appropriate, in accordance with FAR 22.302(c). Contractors or subcontractors may request review of administrative determinations of liquidated damages by written notice to the contracting officer. The contracting officer shall promptly forward appeals of liquidated damages determinations to the HCA.

Subpart 422.4—Labor Standards for Contracts Involving Construction

422.404 Davis-Bacon Act wage determinations.

422.404-6 Modifications of wage determinations.

HCA's are authorized to request extension of the 90 day period for award after bid opening as provided in FAR 22.404-6(b)(6).

422.406 Administration and enforcement.

422.406.8 Investigations.

Reports of violations shall be forwarded to the HCA, who shall process such reports in accordance with FAR 22.406-8(d).

Subpart 422.6—Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act

422.604 Exemptions.

422.604-2 Regulatory exemptions.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration can request the Secretary of Labor to exempt contracts from the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act pursuant to FAR 22.604-2(b). A written finding justifying the request for exemption shall be prepared for the Assistant Secretary's signature and submitted by the HCA to the Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) for referral to the Assistant Secretary.

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422.608 [Reserved]

Subpart 422.8—Equal Employment Opportunity

422.803 Responsibilities.

The contracting office shall submit questions involving the applicability of Executive Order 11246 and FAR subpart 22.8 through the HCA to the SPE for resolution.

422.804 Affirmative action programs.

422.804–2 Construction.

The HCA shall ensure that each contracting office, awarding nonexempt construction contracts, maintains a current listing of covered geographical areas subject to affirmative action requirements specifying goals for minorities and women in covered construction trades.

422.807 Exemptions.

(a) The Assistant Secretary for Administration is authorized to make the determination in FAR 22.807(a)(1) that a contract is essential to the national security.

(b) The contracting officer shall submit requests for exemptions under FAR 22.807(a)(1), (a)(2), and (b)(5) through the HCA to the SPE for determination by the Assistant Secretary of Administration or referral to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor, as appropriate.

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Subpart 422.13—Special Disabled Veterans, Veterans of the Vietnam Era, and Other Eligible Veterans

SOURCE: 70 FR 46, Jan. 3, 2005, unless otherwise noted.

422.1303 Waivers.

(a) The Assistant Secretary for Administration is authorized to make the waiver determination in FAR 22.1305(b) that a contract is essential to the national security.

(b) The contracting officer shall submit requests for exemptions under FAR

22.1305(a) and (b) through the HCA to the SPE for determination by the Assistant Secretary for Administration or referral to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor as appropriate.

422.1306 Complaint procedures.

The contracting officer shall forward complaints received about the administration of the Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act directly to the Department of Labor as prescribed in FAR 22.1308.

Subpart 422.14—Employment of Workers With Disabilities

422.1403 Waivers.

(a) The Assistant Secretary for Administration is authorized to make the waiver determinations under FAR 22.1403(a) and (b) with the concurrence of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Federal Contract Compliance Programs, Department of Labor.

(b) The contracting officer shall submit requests for waivers through the HCA to the SPE for determination by the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

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422.1406 Complaint procedures.

The contracting officer shall forward complaints received about the administration of Section 503 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended, directly to the OFCCP as prescribed in FAR 22.1406.

PART 423—ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

Subpart 423.1 [Reserved]

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423.202 Policy.