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- (4) OHA may hear oral arguments after fact-finding provided that the contractor, its counsel or other duly authorized representative, is present in order to have the opportunity to make arguments and rebuttal. The Associate Solicitor for the General Law Division shall issue a decision.
- (b) Greater rights determinations. Determinations on requests for greater rights in subject inventions by contractors shall be made by the HCA after consultation with the Assistant Solicitor for Acquisitions and Intellectual Property. Appeals of such determinations shall be made to the CBCA.
- (c) Exercise of march-in-rights. After notification to the contractor of information warranting the exercise of march-in rights, the CO shall prepare a written notice to the contractor after consultation with the Assistant Solicitor for Acquisitions and Intellectual Property. The notice shall be prepared and signed by the Associate Solicitor for the General Law Division. Within the time constraints, if the Associate Solicitor for the General Law Division determines any information submitted by the contractor (assignee or exclusive licensee) after notice of march-in is received raises a genuine dispute over material facts, a fact-finding hearing shall be conducted by OHA. The Associate Solicitor for the General Law Division shall issue a final determination, after consideration of any further written or oral arguments from the parties. An unfavorable determination to a contractor (assignee or exclusive licensee) shall be subject to appeal.
- (d) Licenses and assignments under contracts with nonprofit organizations. COs may approve contractor requests for assignment of rights or exclusive licenses after obtaining the advice of the Assistant Solicitor for Acquisitions and Intellectual Property. Solicitations containing FAR clause 52.227-11 shall state that contractors should forward such requests to the CO.

1427.304-4 Appeals.

(a) The CO is authorized to make any of the determinations listed after consultation with the Assistant Solicitor for Acquisitions and Intellectual Propertv.

(b) Determinations made under paragraph (a) of this section shall be considered final decisions under the Contract Disputes Act and may be appealed to the CBCA in accordance with the procedures in DIAR Subpart 1433.2.

1427.306 Licensing background patent rights to third parties.

Any proposed determination to be made to require third party licensing shall be submitted by the HCA through the Assistant Solicitor for Acquisitions and Intellectual Property for signature of the AS/PMB. The contractor may request a public hearing on the record prior to the above determination. In such cases, the proposed determination and the contractor's request for a hearing shall be referred to OHA, OHA shall conduct public hearings as set forth in 1427.304-1(a)(4) and shall forward its findings and recommendations to the AS/PMB for a final determination. The final determination shall inform the contractor of the right to judicial review within sixty (60) days of the AS/ PMB determination.

PART 1428—BONDS AND **INSURANCE**

Subpart 1428.3—Insurance

Sec.

1428.301 Policy.

1428.306 Insurance under fixed-price contracts.

1428.306-70 Insurance for aircraft services contracts.

1428.311 Solicitation provision and contract clause on liability insurance under costreimbursement contracts.

1428.311–1 Contract clause. 1428.311–2 Agency solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, 40 U.S.C. 486(c); and 5 U.S.C. 301.

SOURCE: 75 FR 19829, Apr. 15, 2010, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart 1428.3—Insurance

1428.301 Policy.

It is the policy of DOI to insure its own risks only when such action is in the best interest of the Government.

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Circumstances where contractors are required to carry insurance are listed under FAR 28.301 and 28.306. In these circumstances, the CO shall insert the clause at 1452.228–70, Liability Insurance— Department of the Interior, in solicitations and contracts.

1428.306 Insurance under fixed-price contracts.

1428.306-70 Insurance for aircraft services contracts.

- (a) Policy. The CO shall insert minimum insurance requirements in aircraft services contracts in order to protect the Government and its contractors.
- (b) Applicability. The clauses prescribed in section 1428.311–2 are applicable to all fixed-price contracts involving use of aircraft with either a contractor-furnished or a Government-furnished pilot except for one-time charters when Government exposure is minimal and time limitations are present.

1428.311 Solicitation provision and contract clause on liability insurance under cost-reimbursement contracts.

1428.311-1 Contract clause.

The CO shall modify the clause at FAR 52.228-7, Insurance—Liability to Third Persons, in accordance with 1452.228-7, and insert in solicitations and contracts as prescribed in FAR 28.311-1.

1428.311-2 Agency solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

The following DOI clauses shall be used as prescribed:

- (a) The CO shall insert the clause at 1452.228–71, Aircraft and General Public Liability Insurance—Department of the Interior, in solicitations and contracts when a fixed-price contract for operation of aircraft is anticipated and where the Government is using a contractor-furnished pilot.
- (b) The CO shall insert the clause at 1452.228-72, Liability for Loss or Damage—Department of the Interior, in solicitations and contracts when a fixed-price contract for use of aircraft is anticipated and where the Government

does not have a property interest and is using a Government-furnished pilot.

(c) The CO shall insert the clause at 1452.228–73, Liability for Loss or Damage (Property Interest)—Department of the Interior, in solicitations and contracts when a fixed-price contract for use of aircraft is anticipated and where the Government has a property interest in the aircraft and is using a Government-furnished pilot (e.g., a lease with purchase option).

PART 1429—TAXES

Subpart 1429.3—State and Local Taxes

Sec

1429.303 Application of State and local taxes to Government contractors and sub-contractors.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, 40 U.S.C. 486(c); and 5 U.S.C. 301.

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Subpart 1429.3—State and Local Taxes

1429.303 Application of State and local taxes to Government contractors and subcontractors.

Contractors to be treated as agents of the Government for the purposes set forth in FAR 29.303(a) shall require the written review and approval of the AS/PMB. The HCA shall submit requests for approval through SOL, to the Director, PAM, for further action.

PART 1430—COST ACCOUNTING STANDARDS ADMINISTRATION

Subpart 1430.2—CAS Program Requirements

Sec

1430.201 Contract requirements.

1430.201-5 Waiver.

 $1430.202 \quad {\rm Disclosure \ requirements.}$

1430.202-2 Impracticality of submission.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, 40 U.S.C. 486(c); and 5 U.S.C. 301.

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