List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 204

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, 48 CFR Part 204 is amended as follows:

PART 204—ADMINSITRATIVE MATTERS

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 204 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

2. Section 204.101 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(i) to read as follows:

204.101 Contracting officer's signature.

(a)(i) Include the contracting officer's telephone number and, when available, e-mail/Internet address on contracts and modifications.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 228 and 252

[DFARS Case 98–D002]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Compliance with Spanish Laws and Insurance

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to clarify requirements for use of a clause pertaining to compliance with Spanish laws and insurance under contracts for services or construction to be performed in Spain.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062. Telephone (703) 602–0131; telefax (703) 602–0350. Please cite DFARS Case 98–D002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This final rule amends DFARS 228.370 to clarify the prescription for use of the clause at 252.228–7006, Compliance with Spanish Laws and Insurance. The rule also amends the clause at 252.228–7006 to clarify that the requirements of the clause apply only if the contractor is not a Spanish concern; and that the requirements of the clause apply to subcontracts with non-Spanish concerns that will perform work in Spain under the contract.

A proposed rule with request for comments was published in the **Federal Register** on March 27, 1998 (63 FR 14885). No comments were received. The proposed rule is adopted as a final rule without change.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD certifies that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, et seq., because the rule is a clarification of existing requirements and applies only to contracts for services or construction to be performed in Spain.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The existing information collection requirements of the clause at DFARS 252.228–7006 have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB Control Number 0704–0216 for use through May 31, 2001. The rule is not expected to result in a change in the estimated burden hours.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 228 and 252

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, 48 CFR Parts 228 and 252 are amended as follows:

PART 228—BONDS AND INSURANCE

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 228 and 252 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

2. Section 228.370 is amended by revising paragraph (f) to read as follows:

228.370 Additional clauses.

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(f) Use the clause at 252.228–7006, Compliance with Spanish Laws and Insurance, in solicitations and contracts for services or construction to be performed in Spain, unless the contractor is a Spanish concern.

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

3. Section 252.228–7006 is amended by revising the clause date; redesignating paragraphs (a) through (e) as paragraphs (b) through (f), respectively; adding a new paragraph (a); and revising newly designated paragraph (e) to read as follows:

252.228–7006 Compliance with Spanish laws and insurance.

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Compliance With Spanish Laws and Insurance (Dec 1998)

(a) The requirements of this clause apply only if the Contractor is not a Spanish concern.

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(e) The Contractor shall provide the Contracting Officer with a similar representation for all subcontracts with non-Spanish concerns that will perform work in Spain under this contract.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 232

[DFARS Case 98–D001]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Electronic Signature of Receiving Reports

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to clarify that DoD contract administration procedures permit electronic notification to the payment office of Government acceptance or approval of supplies or services.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sandra Haberlin, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, PDUSD(A&T)DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062. Telephone (703) 602–0131; telefax (703) 602–0350. Please cite DFARS Case 98–D001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This final rule amends DFARS 232.905 to clarify that DoD Manual 4000.25–5–M, Military Standard Contract Administration Procedures (MILSCAP), authorizes electronic notification to the payment office of Government acceptance or approval of supplies delivered or services performed under a contract.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98–577 and publication for public comment is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should cite DFARS Case 98–D001.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the final rule does not impose any 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 232

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, 48 CFR Part 232 is amended as follows:

PART 232—CONTRACT FINANCING

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 232 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

2. Section 232.905 is amended by revising paragraph (f)(6) to read as follows:

232.905 Invoice payments.

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(f)(6) DoD Manual 4000.25–5–M, Military Standard Contract Administration Procedures (MILSCAP), authorizes electronic notification to the payment office of Government acceptance or approval, as appropriate.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 235 and 253

[DFARS Case 97–D030]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Short Form Research Contract

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to remove obsolete guidance pertaining to short form research contracts with educational institutions and nonprofit organizations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Pelkey, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, PDUSD (A&T) DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062. Telephone (703) 602–0131; telefax (703) 602–0350. Please cite DFARS Case 97–D030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This final rule removes obsolete guidance at DFARS 235.015–71, and associated DD Forms 2222, 2222–1, and 2222–2, pertaining to short form research contracts. DoD now uses the streamlined procedures in DFARS Subpart 235.70 for research and development contracting.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98–577 and publication for public comment is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should cite DFARS Case 97–D030.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the final rule does not impose any 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 Parts 235 and 253

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, 48 CFR Parts 235 and 253 are amended as follows:

PART 235—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTING

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 235 and 253 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

§ 235.015–71 [Removed]

2. Section 235.015–71 is removed.

PART 253—FORMS [AMENDED]

3. The note at the end of Part 253 is amended by removing the entries at 253.303–2222, 253.303–2222–1, and 253.303–2222–2.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 236

[DFARS Case 98–D313]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Architectural and Engineering Services and Construction Design

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement Section 2801 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999. Section 2801 increases, from $300,000 to $500,000, the threshold at which notice to Congress is required before the award of a contract for architect-engineer services or construction design.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, PDUSD(A&T)DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062. Telephone (703) 602–0131; telefax (703) 602–0350. Please cite DFARS Case 98–D313.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This final rule amends DFARS 236.601 to implement Section 2801 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105–261). Section 2801 amends 10 U.S.C. 2807(b) to increase the dollar threshold for Congressional notification prior to award of a contract for architect-engineer services or construction design.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98–577 and publication for public comment is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should cite DFARS Case 98–D313.