

immediately transfers the caller to an appropriate Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP). An appropriate PSAP is either a PSAP that the caller would have reached if he had dialed 911 directly, or a PSAP that is capable of enabling the dispatch of emergency services to the caller in an expeditious manner.

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Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene H. Dortch,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 207

[DFARS Case 2004-D004]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Acquisition Plans—Corrosion Prevention and Mitigation

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement Section 1067 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003. Section 1067 requires DoD to prevent and mitigate corrosion during the design, acquisition, and maintenance of military equipment.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 17, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Teresa Brooks, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0326; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2004-D004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This final rule amends DFARS 207.105 to add corrosion prevention and mitigation to the areas that agencies must address in acquisition plans. The rule implements Section 1067 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2003 (Public Law 107-314), which requires DoD to prevent and mitigate corrosion during the design, acquisition, and maintenance of military equipment.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule will not have a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors, or a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of DoD. Therefore, publication for public comment is not required. However, DoD will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should cite DFARS Case 2004-D004.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the 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 207

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

■ Therefore, 48 CFR part 207 is amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 207 continues to read as follows:

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

PART 207—ACQUISITION PLANNING

■ 2. Section 207.105 is amended in paragraph (b)(13)(ii) by adding a second sentence to read as follows:

207.105 Contents of written acquisition plans.

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(b) * * *

(13) * * *

(ii) * * * Also discuss corrosion prevention and mitigation plans.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 207 and 219

[DFARS Case 2003-D109]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Consolidation of Contract Requirements

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD has issued an interim rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement

(DFARS) to implement Section 801 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. Section 801 places restrictions on the consolidation of two or more requirements of a DoD department, agency, or activity into a single solicitation and contract.

DATES: *Effective date:* September 17, 2004.

Comment date: Comments on the interim rule should be submitted to the address shown below on or before November 16, 2004, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by DFARS Case 2003-D109, using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Defense Acquisition Regulations Web site: <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: dfars@osd.mil. Include DFARS Case 2003-D109 in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: Primary: (703) 602-7887;

Alternate: (703) 602-0350.

- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Donna Hairston-Benford,

OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

All comments received will be posted to <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Donna Hairston-Benford, (703) 602-0289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This interim rule amends DFARS Parts 207 and 219 to implement Section 801 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 108-136). Section 801 adds 10 U.S.C. 2382, which places restrictions on the use of an acquisition strategy that includes a consolidation of contract requirements with a total value exceeding \$5,000,000.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule is expected to have a beneficial impact on small business concerns. An initial regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared

consistent with 5 U.S.C. 603. The analysis is summarized as follows:

This interim rule amends the DFARS to implement Section 801 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004. Section 801 adds 10 U.S.C. 2382, which places restrictions on the consolidation of two or more requirements of a DoD department, agency, or activity into a single solicitation and contract, when the total value of the requirements exceeds \$5,000,000. The objective of the rule is to ensure that decisions regarding consolidation of contract requirements are made with a view toward providing small business concerns with appropriate opportunities to participate in DoD procurements as prime contractors and subcontractors. The rule does not duplicate, overlap, or conflict with any other Federal rules. DoD considers the restrictions on consolidation of contract requirements to be separate and distinct from the restrictions on contract bundling specified in the Federal Acquisition Regulation. There are no significant alternatives that would accomplish the objectives of 10 U.S.C. 2382. The impact on small entities is expected to be positive.

A copy of the analysis may be obtained from the point of contact specified herein. DoD invites comments from small businesses and other interested parties. DoD also will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subparts in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2003-D109.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the 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.*

D. Determination To Issue an Interim Rule

A determination has been made under the authority of the Secretary of Defense that urgent and compelling reasons exist to publish an interim rule prior to affording the public an opportunity to comment. This interim rule implements Section 801 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004 (Public Law 108-136). Section 801 provides that a DoD department, agency, or activity may not execute an acquisition strategy that includes a consolidation of contract requirements with a total value exceeding \$5,000,000, unless the senior procurement executive

concerned conducts market research, identifies any alternative contracting approaches that would involve a lesser degree of consolidation, and determines that the consolidation is necessary and justified. Comments received in response to this interim rule will be considered in the formation of the final rule.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 207 and 219

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

■ Therefore, 48 CFR parts 207 and 219 are amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 207 and 219 continues to read as follows:

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

PART 207—ACQUISITION PLANNING

■ 2. Sections 207.170 through 207.170-3 are added to read as follows:

207.170 Consolidation of contract requirements.

207.170-1 Scope.

This section implements 10 U.S.C. 2382.

207.170-2 Definitions.

As used in this section—
Consolidation of contract requirements means the use of a solicitation to obtain offers for a single contract or a multiple award contract to satisfy two or more requirements of a department, agency, or activity for supplies or services that previously have been provided to, or performed for, that department, agency, or activity under two or more separate contracts lower in cost than the total cost of the contract for which the offers are solicited.

Multiple award contract means—

(1) A multiple award schedule issued by the General Services Administration as described in FAR Subpart 8.4;

(2) A multiple award task order or delivery order contract issued in accordance with FAR Subpart 16.5; or

(3) Any other indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contract that an agency enters into with two or more sources for the same line item under the same solicitation.

207.170-3 Policy and procedures.

(a) Agencies shall not consolidate contract requirements with a total value exceeding \$5,000,000 unless the acquisition strategy includes—

(1) The results of market research;
(2) Identification of any alternative contracting approaches that would involve a lesser degree of consolidation; and

(3) A determination by the senior procurement executive that the consolidation is necessary and justified.

(i) Market research may indicate that consolidation of contract requirements is necessary and justified if the benefits of the acquisition strategy substantially exceed the benefits of each of the possible alternative contracting approaches. Benefits include costs and, regardless of whether quantifiable in dollar amounts—

- (A) Quality;
- (B) Acquisition cycle;
- (C) Terms and conditions; and
- (D) Any other benefit.

(ii) Savings in administrative or personnel costs alone do not constitute a sufficient justification for a consolidation of contract requirements unless the total amount of the cost savings is expected to be substantial in relation to the total cost of the procurement.

(b) Include the determination made in accordance with paragraph (a)(3) of this section in the contract file.

PART 219—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

■ 3. Section 219.201 is amended by adding paragraph (d)(11) to read as follows:

219.201 General policy.

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(d) * * *

(11) Also conduct annual reviews to assess—

(A) The extent of consolidation of contract requirements that has occurred (see 207.170); and

(B) The impact of those consolidations on the availability of small business concerns to participate in procurements as both contractors and subcontractors.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 209, 217, and 246

[DFARS Case 2003-D101]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Quality Control of Aviation Critical Safety Items and Related Services

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).