

Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this rule to 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.* While the rule will reduce administrative burdens for contractors, the economic impact is not expected to be substantial. Therefore, DoD has not performed an initial regulatory flexibility analysis. DoD invites comments from small businesses and other interested parties. DoD also will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2004–D025.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The information collection requirements of the clause at DFARS 252.205–7000, Provision of Information to Cooperative Agreement Holders, have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget, under Control Number 0704–0286, for use through September 30, 2007.

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 816 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Public Law 108–375). Section 816 amends 10 U.S.C. 2416(d) to increase, from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, the threshold at which a DoD contract must include a requirement for the contractor to provide to cooperative agreement holders, upon their request, a list of the contractor's employees who are responsible for entering into subcontracts. Section 816 became effective upon enactment on October 28, 2004. Comments received in response to this interim rule will be considered in the formation of the final rule.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 205

Government procurement.

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Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

■ Therefore, 48 CFR part 205 is amended as follows:

PART 205—PUBLICIZING CONTRACT ACTIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 205 continues to read as follows:

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

205.470 [Amended]

■ 2. Section 205.470 is amended in the first sentence by removing “\$500,000” and adding in its place “\$1,000,000”.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 225

[DFARS Case 2004–D002]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Polyacrylonitrile Carbon Fiber—Restriction to Domestic Sources; Correction

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Correction to final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD is issuing a correction to the final rule published at 70 FR 6374–6375 on February 7, 2005, that extended the ending date for phasing out domestic source restrictions on the acquisition of polyacrylonitrile (PAN) carbon fiber. The correction revises the terminology used to describe milestone B in the development of a major system, for consistency with the terminology used in DoD Instruction 5000.2, Operation of the Defense Acquisition System.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 7, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Michele Peterson, Defense Acquisition Regulations System, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062. Telephone (703) 602–0311; facsimile (703) 602–0350.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 225

Government procurement.

■ Therefore, 48 CFR part 225 is amended as follows:

PART 225—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 225 continues to read as follows:

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

■ 2. Section 225.7103–3 is corrected to read as follows:

225.7103–3 Contract clause.

Use the clause at 252.225–7022, Restriction on Acquisition of

Polyacrylonitrile (PAN) Carbon Fiber, in solicitations and contracts for major systems issued on or before May 31, 2006, if the system is not yet in development and demonstration (milestone B as defined in DoDI 5000.2).

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Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 228

[DFARS Case 2003–D033]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Bonds

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to update text pertaining to the use of fidelity and forgery bonds under DoD contracts. This rule is a result of a transformation initiative undertaken by DoD to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DFARS.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 22, 2005.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DFARS Transformation is a major DoD initiative to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DFARS. The objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the acquisition process, while allowing the acquisition workforce the flexibility to innovate. The transformed DFARS will contain only requirements of law, DoD-wide policies, delegations of FAR authorities, deviations from FAR requirements, and policies/procedures that have a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of DoD or a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. Additional information on the DFARS Transformation initiative is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dfars/transf.htm>.

This final rule is a result of the DFARS Transformation initiative. The rule—