

Administration certify 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 merely clarifies existing language and does not change existing policy.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FAR do not impose 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 52

Government procurement.

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Director, Contract Policy Division.

■ Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR part 52 as set forth below:

PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

■ 2. Amend section 52.212-5 by revising the date of the clause; redesignating paragraphs (b)(10) through (b)(35) as (b)(11) through (b)(36),

respectively, and adding a new paragraph (b)(10) to read as follows:

52.212-5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items.

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CONTRACT TERMS AND CONDITIONS
REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT STATUTES OR
EXECUTIVE ORDERS— COMMERCIAL
ITEMS (MAR 2007)
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—(10) 52.219-16, Liquidated Damages—Subcontracting Plan (JAN 1999) (15 U.S.C. 637(d)(4)(F)(i)).

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48 CFR Chapter 1

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Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-16; Small Entity Compliance Guide

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Small Entity Compliance Guide.

SUMMARY: This document is issued under the joint authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. This *Small Entity Compliance Guide* has been prepared in accordance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. It consists of a summary of rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-16 which amend the FAR. An asterisk (*) next to a rule indicates that a regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain further information regarding these rules by referring to FAC 2005-16 which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

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LIST OF RULES IN FAC 2005-16

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I	Implementation of Wage Determinations OnLine (WDOL)	2005-033	Woodson.
II	Termination or Cancellation of Purchase Orders	2005-029	Jackson.
III	Contracts with Religious Entities (Interim)	2006-019	Woodson.
IV	Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statute or Executive Orders—Commercial Items.	2006-012	Jackson.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summaries for each FAR rule follow. For the actual revisions and/or amendments to these FAR cases, refer to the specific item number and subject set forth in the documents following these item summaries.

FAC 2005-16 amends the FAR as specified below:

Item I—Implementation of Wage Determinations OnLine (WDOL) (FAR Case 2005-033)

This final rule implements the Department of Labor (DOL) Wage Determinations OnLine (WDOL) Internet website as the source for Federal contracting agencies to obtain wage determinations issued by the DOL

for service contracts subject to the McNamara-O’Hara Service Contract Act (SCA) and for construction contracts subject to the Davis-Bacon Act (DBA). The rule amends the FAR to direct Federal contracting agencies to obtain DBA and SCA wage determinations from the WDOL website.

The WDOL and e98 processes replace the paper Standard Forms 98 and 98a. In addition, Standard Forms 98, 98a, and 99 are deleted from FAR Part 53. This final rule also incorporates new geographical jurisdictions for DOL’s Wage and Hour Regional Offices and eliminates FAR references to the Government Printing Office publication of general wage determinations.

Item II—Termination or Cancellation of Purchase Orders (FAR Case 2005-029)

The rule revises the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to correct the inadvertent omission of an appropriate reference in FAR Part 13.302-4(a) for termination for cause of those purchase orders that have been accepted in writing. This FAR revision is a correction to a reference and not a change to the contract termination options available in 52.212-4(l) or (m). If a purchase order that has been accepted in writing by the contractor is to be terminated, contracting officers have the option to terminate for cause as well as terminate for convenience.

Item III—Contracts with Religious Entities (FAR Case 2006–019) (Interim)

This interim rule amends FAR Subpart 22.8, Equal Employment Opportunity, and the associated clause at 52.222–26, Equal Opportunity, to add an exemption for religious entities to the prohibition of discrimination on the basis of religion. Executive Order (E.O.) 13279 amended Section 204 of E.O. 11246 to permit religious entities to consider employment of individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with carrying on the entity's activities. Religious entities remain

subject to other Equal Employment Opportunity requirements. When awarding a contract to a religious entity that contains the clause at FAR 52.222–26, Equal Opportunity, the requirements of the clause with respect to employment of individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with the carrying on of the contractor's activities do not apply to a contractor that is a religious corporation, association, educational institution, or society.

Item IV—Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statute or Executive Orders—Commercial Items (FAR Case 2006–012)

The final rule revises the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to update the required contract clauses that implement provisions of law or executive orders for acquisitions of commercial items.

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