

232.906 Making payments.

(a)(i) The restrictions of FAR 32.906 prohibiting early payment do not apply to interim payments made to small business concerns. However, contractors shall not be entitled to interest penalties if the Government fails to make early payment.

(ii) It is DoD policy to make payments within 14 days for cost-reimbursement contracts for services with small business concerns.

4. Section 232.908 is added to read as follows:

232.908 Contract clauses.

(c)(3) For cost-reimbursement contracts for services with small business concerns, use the clause at 252.232-7XXX, Payments on Cost-Reimbursement Contracts for Services with Small Business Concerns, instead of Alternate I of the clause at FAR 52.232-25.

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

5. Section 252.232-7XXX is added to read as follows:

252.232-7XXX Payments on Cost-Reimbursement Contracts for Services with Small Business Concerns.

As prescribed in 232.908(c)(3), use the following clause:

PAYMENTS ON COST-REIMBURSEMENT CONTRACTS FOR SERVICES WITH SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS (XXX 2007)

(a) Paragraphs (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(4)(ii), (a)(4)(iii), and (a)(5)(i) of the Allowable Cost and Payment clause (FAR 52.216-7) do not apply to this contract.

(b) Although accelerated payments may be made in 14 days in accordance with section 232.906(a)(ii) of the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement, for purposes of computing late payment interest penalties that may apply, the due date for payment is the 30th day after the designated billing office receives a proper payment request.

(c) The Contractor shall submit requests for interim payments in accordance with paragraph (a) of FAR 52.216-7, Allowable Cost and Payment. If the payment request does not comply with contract requirements, it will be returned within 7 days after the date the designated billing office received the request.

(End of clause)

[FR Doc. E7-14921 Filed 8-1-07; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 5001-08-P

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System****48 CFR Part 252**

RIN 0750-AF73

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Item Identification and Valuation Clause Update (DFARS Case 2007-D007)

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to update and clarify requirements for unique identification and valuation of items delivered under DoD contracts. The proposed rule revises the applicable contract clause to reflect the current requirements.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before October 1, 2007, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by DFARS Case 2007-D007, using any of the following methods:

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

E-mail: dfars@osd.mil. Include DFARS Case 2007-D007 in the subject line of the message.

Fax: (703) 602-7887.

Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Mr. Gary Delaney, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DARS), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

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

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gary Delaney, (703) 602-8384.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

The contract clause at DFARS 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, requires unique identification for all delivered items for which the Government's unit acquisition cost is \$5,000 or more, and for other items designated by the

Government. In addition, the clause requires identification of the Government's unit acquisition cost for all delivered items, and provides instructions to contractors regarding the identification and valuation processes.

This proposed rule revises the clause at DFARS 252.211-7003 to update and clarify instructions for the identification and valuation processes. The changes include: Updating of references to standards and other documents; clarification of the definition of unique item identifier; specifically addressing the DoD recognized unique identification equivalent, where applicable; clarification of data submission requirements for end items and embedded items; and clarification of requirements for inclusion of the clause in subcontracts.

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

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this proposed 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.*, because the proposed rule does not significantly change existing requirements relating to the identification and valuation of items delivered under DoD contracts. 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 2007-D007.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply, because the proposed 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 252

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR Part 252 as follows:

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 252 continues to read as follows:

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

2. Section 252.211–7003 is amended as follows:

- a. By revising the clause date;
- b. In paragraph (a), by revising the definitions of “Issuing agency” and “Unique item identifier”; and
- c. By revising paragraphs (c) through (g) to read as follows:

252.211–7003 Item Identification and Valuation.

* * * * *

Item Identification and Valuation (XXX 2007)

(a) * * *

Issuing agency means an organization responsible for assigning a non-repeatable identifier to an enterprise (i.e., Dun & Bradstreet’s Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number, GS1 Company Prefix, or Defense Logistics Information System (DLIS) Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code).

* * * * *

Unique item identifier means a set of data elements marked on items that is globally unique and unambiguous. The term includes a concatenated unique item identifier or a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent.

* * * * *

(c) *Unique item identifier.*

(1) The Contractor shall provide a unique item identifier for—(i) All delivered items for which the Government’s unit acquisition cost is \$5,000 or more;

(ii) The following items for which the Government’s unit acquisition cost is less than \$5,000:

Contract line, subtitle, or exhibit line item number	Item description

(iii) Subassemblies, components, and parts embedded within delivered items as specified in Attachment Number _.

(2) The unique item identifier and the component data elements of the DoD unique item identification shall not change over the life of the item.

(3) *Data syntax and semantics of unique item identifiers.* The Contractor shall ensure that—

(i) The encoded data elements (except issuing agency code) of the unique item identifier are marked on the item using one of the following three types of data qualifiers, as determined by the Contractor:

(A) Application Identifiers (AIs) (Format Indicator 05 of ISO/IEC International Standard 15434), in accordance with ISO/IEC International Standard 15418, Information Technology—EAN/UCC Application Identifiers and Fact Data Identifiers and Maintenance and ANSI MH 10.8.2 Data Identifier and Application Identifier Standard.

(B) Data Identifiers (DIs) (Format Indicator 06 of ISO/IEC International Standard 15434), in accordance with ISO/IEC International Standard 15418, Information Technology—EAN/UCC Application Identifiers and Fact Data Identifiers and Maintenance and ANSI MH 10.8.2 Data Identifier and Application Identifier Standard.

(C) Text Element Identifiers (TEIs) (Format Indicator 12 of ISO/IEC International Standard 15434), in accordance with the Air Transport

Association Common Support Data Dictionary; and

(ii) The encoded data elements of the unique item identifier conform to the transfer structure, syntax, and coding of messages and data formats specified for Format Indicators 05, 06, and 12 in ISO/IEC International Standard 15434, Information Technology—Transfer Syntax for High Capacity Automatic Data Capture Media.

(4) *Unique item identifier.*

(i) The Contractor shall—(A) Determine whether to—(1) Serialize within the enterprise identifier;

(2) Serialize within the part, lot, or batch number; or
 (3) Use a DoD recognized unique identification equivalent; and
 (B) Place the data elements of the unique item identifier (enterprise identifier; serial number; DoD recognized unique identification equivalent; and for serialization within the part, lot, or batch number only: original part, lot, or batch number) on items requiring marking by paragraph (c)(1) of this clause, based on the criteria provided in the version of MIL–STD–130, Identification Marking of U.S. Military Property, cited in the contract Schedule.

(ii) The issuing agency code—

(A) Shall not be placed on the item; and

(B) Shall be derived from the data qualifier for the enterprise identifier.

(d) For each item that requires unique item identification under paragraph

(c)(1)(i) or (ii) of this clause, in addition to the information provided as part of the Material Inspection and Receiving Report specified elsewhere in this contract, the Contractor shall report at the time of delivery, either as part of, or associated with, the Material Inspection and Receiving Report, the following information:

- (1) Unique item identifier.
- (2) Unique item identifier type.
- (3) Issuing agency code (if concatenated unique item identifier is used).
- (4) Enterprise identifier (if concatenated unique item identifier is used).
- (5) Original part number (if there is serialization within the original part number).
- (6) Lot or batch number (if there is serialization within the lot or batch number).
- (7) Current part number (optional and only if not the same as the original part number).
- (8) Current part number effective date (optional and only if current part number is used).
- (9) Serial number (if concatenated unique item identifier is used).
- (10) Government’s unit acquisition cost.
- (11) Unit of measure.

(e) For embedded subassemblies, components, and parts that require DoD unique item identification under paragraph (c)(1)(iii) of this clause, the Contractor shall report as part of, or

associated with, the Material Inspection and Receiving Report specified elsewhere in this contract, the following information:

(1) Unique item identifier of the parent item under paragraph (c)(1) of this clause that contains the embedded subassembly, component, or part.

(2) Unique item identifier of the embedded subassembly, component, or part.

(3) Unique item identifier type.**

(4) Issuing agency code (if concatenated unique item identifier is used).**

(5) Enterprise identifier (if concatenated unique item identifier is used).**

(6) Original part number (if there is serialization within the original part number).**

(7) Lot or batch number (if there is serialization within the lot or batch number).**

(8) Current part number (optional and only if not the same as the original part number).**

(9) Current part number effective date (optional and only if current part number is used).**

(10) Serial number (if concatenated unique item identifier is used).**

(11) Description.

** Once per item.

(f) The Contractor shall submit the information required by paragraphs (d) and (e) of this clause in accordance with the data submission procedures at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/UID/DataSubmission.htm>.

(g) *Subcontracts*. If the Contractor acquires by subcontract, any item(s) for which unique item identification is required in accordance with paragraph (c)(1) of this clause, the Contractor shall include this clause, including this

paragraph (g), in the applicable subcontract(s).

* * * * *

[FR Doc. E7-14896 Filed 8-1-07; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 5001-08-P

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[I.D. 013006I]

RIN 0648-AU93

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Groundfish, Crab, Salmon, and Scallop Fisheries of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area and Gulf of Alaska, Essential Fish Habitat Rule Correction

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of reopening of a comment period.

SUMMARY: On June 19, 2007, NMFS published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** to correct certain provisions of a June 28, 2006, essential fish habitat (EFH) rule for Alaska fisheries. The comment period deadline for written comments for the proposed rule was June 19, 2007. NMFS is reopening the comment period on this proposed rule because the E-mail account listed in the proposed rule for the submission of comments was in error and did not accept comments as intended. The proposed rule would clarify that portions of EFH management areas in the vicinity of the Aleutian Islands are located in State of Alaska waters. The proposed action also would apply EFH vessel monitoring system

and closure requirements to federally permitted vessels operating in State of Alaska waters adjacent to the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Aleutian Islands subarea. This action is necessary to ensure federally permitted vessels operating in State of Alaska waters comply with EFH protection measures.

DATES: Written comments must be received by September 4, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Sue Salvesson, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, Attn: Records Officer. Comments may be submitted by:

- Mail: P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802;
- Hand delivery: 709 West 9th Street, Room 420A, Juneau, AK;
- Fax: 907-586-7557;
- E-mail: VMS-PR-0648-AU93@noaa.gov.

Include in the subject line the following document identifier: "VMS PR." E-mail comments, with or without attachments, are limited to 5 megabytes; or

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie Brown, 907-586-7228 or e-mail at melanie.brown@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** on June 19, 2007 (72 FR 33732). Additional information on the proposed management measures are described in the proposed rule.

Dated: July 30, 2007.

Emily H. Menashes,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

[FR Doc. E7-15045 Filed 8-1-07; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-S