

the Texas Band of Kickapoo and foreign nationals seeing assistance pursuant to the Hague Convention. 45 CFR 1626.10(b); 1626.10(c); and 1626.10(d). The “otherwise eligible” language is meant to refer to financial eligibility (for the provision of LSC-funded legal assistance”) and to the permissibility of the legal assistance provided under applicable law and regulation.

List of Subjects in 45 CFR Part 1626

Aliens, Grant programs—law, Legal services, Migrant labor, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

For reasons set forth above, and under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 2996g(e), LSC proposes to amend 45 CFR Part 1626 as follows:

PART 1626—Restrictions on Legal Assistance to Aliens

1. The authority citation for part 1626 continues to read as follows:

Authority: Pub. L. 104–208, 110 Stat 1321; Pub L. 104–134, 110 Stat. 3009.

2. Amend § 1626.10 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 1626.10 Special eligibility questions.

(a)(1) This part is not applicable to recipients providing services in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of the Marshall Islands.

(2) All citizens of the Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of the Marshall Islands residing in the United States are eligible to receive legal assistance provided that are they otherwise eligible under the Act.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

48 CFR Parts 216, 232, and 252

RIN 0750–AF71

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Payments on Cost-Reimbursement Contracts for Services (DFARS Case 2006–D066)

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 provide for interim payments under cost-reimbursement contracts for services within 30 days, instead of the current DoD policy of making payments within 14 days. The change will not apply to small business concerns.

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 2006–D066, 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 2006–D066 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* (703) 602–7887.

- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Mr. John McPherson, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(CPF), 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. John McPherson, (703) 602–0296.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DFARS 232.906 presently provides for interim payments on cost-reimbursement contracts for services within 14 days after receipt of a proper payment request. The proposed rule would revise this policy to provide for payment to other than small business concerns within 30 days. The proposed change will allow DoD to better cash manage payments without having a significant impact on small business concerns. The proposed change is consistent with the policies of other Government agencies, which do not pay in 14 days. These payments are subject to the Prompt Payment Act.

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 makes no change to payment procedures for small business concerns. 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 subparts in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 2006–D066.

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 Parts 216, 232, and 252

Government procurement.

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Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR Parts 216, 232, and 252 as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 216, 232, and 252 continues to read as follows:

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

PART 216—TYPES OF CONTRACTS

2. Section 216.307 is added to read as follows:

216.307 Contract clauses.

(a)(i) The following apply to interim payments on cost-reimbursement contracts for services:

(A) For contracts with other than small business concerns, insert the standard due date of the “30th” day in paragraph (a)(3) of the clause at FAR 52.216–7.

(B) For contracts with small business concerns, insert the “14th” day in paragraph (a)(3) of the clause at FAR 52.216–7.

(ii) For interim payments on cost-reimbursement contracts for other than services, insert the “14th” day in paragraph (a)(3) of the clause at FAR 52.216–7.

PART 232—CONTRACT FINANCING

3. Section 232.906 is revised to read as follows:

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)

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

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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.

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