

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

RIN 0750-AF58

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Taxpayer Identification Numbers (DFARS Case 2006-D037)

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to address requirements for validation of Taxpayer Identification Numbers as part of the Central Contractor Registration process. The DFARS changes are consistent with changes made to the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 6, 2007.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

DFARS 252.204-7004 contains a substitute paragraph for use with the clause at FAR 52.204-7, Central Contractor Registration, to address DoD-unique requirements relating to contractor registration in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. This final rule amends DFARS 252.204-7004 for consistency with changes made to FAR 52.204-7 in Item I of Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-10, published at 71 FR 36923 on June 28, 2006. The changes address requirements for the Government to validate a contractor's Taxpayer Identification Number, and for the contractor to consent to this validation, as part of the CCR registration process.

DoD published a proposed rule at 71 FR 2645 on January 22, 2007. DoD received no comments on the proposed rule. Therefore, DoD has adopted the proposed rule as a final rule without change.

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

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD certifies 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 relates to an administrative requirement for TIN validation, which is performed by the Government. Contractors need only provide consent for TIN validation as part of the CCR registration process.

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.*

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■ Therefore, 48 CFR part 252 is amended 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 252.204-7004 is amended as follows:

■ a. By revising the section heading, clause title, and clause date; and

■ b. In paragraph (a), by revising the definition of "Registered in the CCR database" to read as follows:

252.204-7004 Alternate A, Central Contractor Registration.

ALTERNATE A, CENTRAL CONTRACTOR REGISTRATION (SEP 2007)

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(a) * * *
"Registered in the CCR database" means that—

(1) The Contractor has entered all mandatory information, including the DUNS number or the DUNS+4 number, into the CCR database;

(2) The Contractor's CAGE code is in the CCR database; and

(3) The Government has validated all mandatory data fields, to include validation of the Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) with the Internal Revenue Service, and has marked the records "Active." The Contractor will be required to provide consent for TIN

validation to the Government as part of the CCR registration process.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**Federal Railroad Administration**

49 CFR Parts 209, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 238, 239, 240, 241, and 244

[Docket No. FRA-2004-17529; Notice No. 5]

RIN 2130-AB66

Inflation Adjustment of Ordinary Maximum Civil Monetary Penalty for a Violation of a Federal Railroad Safety Law or Federal Railroad Administration Safety Regulation

AGENCY: Federal Railroad Administration (FRA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: To comply with the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, FRA is adjusting the ordinary maximum penalty that it will apply when assessing a civil penalty for a violation of railroad safety statutes and regulations under its authority. In particular, FRA is increasing the ordinary maximum civil penalty from \$11,000 to \$16,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 9, 2007.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (Inflation Act) requires that an agency adjust by regulation each maximum civil monetary penalty (CMP), or range of minimum and maximum CMPs, within that agency's jurisdiction by October 23, 1996 and adjust those penalty amounts once every four years thereafter to reflect inflation. Public Law 101-410, 104 Stat. 890, 28 U.S.C. 2461, note, as amended by Section 31001(s)(1) of the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, Public Law 104-134, 110 Stat. 1321-373, April 26, 1996. Congress recognized the important role that CMPs play in deterring violations of Federal law and regulations and realized that inflation has diminished the impact of these penalties. In the Inflation Act,