

procedure or form (including an amendment or modification thereof) must be published for public comment if it relates to the expenditure of appropriated funds, and has either a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of the agency issuing the policy, regulation, procedure or form, or has a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. This final rule is not required to be published for public comment, because it only deletes from the DFARS obsolete authorities for a program that expired September 30, 2010, and removes an outdated reference to the FAR. As such, these DFARS updates have no significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of the Government and do not impose a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors.

III. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply to this rule because this final rule does not constitute a significant DFARS revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501-1, and 41 U.S.C. 1707 does not require publication for public comment.

V. Paperwork Reduction Act

The rule does not contain any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 212

Government procurement.

Manuel Quinones,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

Therefore, 48 CFR part 212 is amended as follows:

PART 212—ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 212 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 1303 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

212.102 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend section 212.102, paragraph (a)(i)(A) by removing the phrase “or meets the criteria at FAR 12.102(g)(1)”.

Subpart 212.70 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 3. Remove and reserve subpart 212.70 (consisting of sections 212.7000, 212.7001, 212.7002, 212.7002-1, 212.7002-2, 212.7002-3, and 212.7003).

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

48 CFR Parts 218, 225, and 242

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Technical Amendments

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD is making technical amendments to the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to provide needed editorial changes.

DATES: Effective February 26, 2015.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This final rule amends the DFARS as follows:

1. Directs contracting officers to additional procedures and guidance by adding a reference to DFARS Procedures, Guidance, and Information PGI 218.272 at DFARS 218.272. A cross reference to DFARS 218.272 is also added at DFARS 225.7405.

2. Directs contracting officers to additional procedures and guidance by adding a reference to DFARS Procedures, Guidance, and Information PGI 242.7502 at DFARS 242.7502.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 218, 225, and 242

Government procurement.

Manuel Quinones,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

Therefore, 48 CFR parts 218, 225, and 242 are amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 218, 225, and 242 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 1303 and 48 CFR chapter 1.

PART 218—EMERGENCY ACQUISITIONS

■ 2. Add section 218.272 to read as follows:

218.272 Use of electronic business tools.

When supporting a contingency operation or humanitarian or peacekeeping operation, follow the procedures at PGI 218.272 concerning the use of electronic business tools.

PART 225—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

■ 3. Add section 225.7405 to read as follows:

225.7405 Use of electronic business tools.

See 218.272 concerning the use of electronic business tools in support of a contingency operation or humanitarian or peacekeeping operation.

PART 242—CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT SERVICES

■ 4. Amend section 242.7502 by revising paragraph (g)(2) introductory text to read as follows:

242.7502 Policy.

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(2) The contracting officer responsible for negotiation of a proposal generated by an accounting system with an identified deficiency shall evaluate whether the deficiency impacts the negotiations. See also PGI 242.7502(g)(2). If it does not, the contracting officer should proceed with negotiations. If it does, the contracting officer should consider other alternatives, e.g.—

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