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**DATES:** Comments are due February 4, 2016 and reply comments are due February 16, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments, identified by CG Docket No. 03–123 by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Filers:** Comments may be filed electronically using the Internet by accessing the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS), through the Commission's Web site <http://apps.fcc.gov/ecfs/>. Filers should follow the instructions provided on the Web site for submitting comments. For ECFS filers, in completing the transmittal screen, filers should include their full name, U.S. Postal service mailing address, and CG Docket No. 03–123.

- **Paper filers:** Parties who choose to file by paper must file an original and one copy of each filing. If more than one docket or rulemaking number appears in the caption of this proceeding, filers must submit one additional copy for each additional docket or rulemaking number. Filings can be sent by hand or messenger delivery, by commercial overnight courier, or by first-class or overnight U.S. Postal Service mail. All filings must be addressed to the Commission's Secretary, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission.

For detailed instructions for submitting comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gregory Hlibok, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau, Disability Rights Office, (202) 559–5158, email: [Gregory.Hlibok@fcc.gov](mailto:Gregory.Hlibok@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to 47 CFR 1.415, 1.419, interested parties may file comments and reply comments on or before the dates indicated on the first page of this document.

- Comments may be filed using the Commission's Electronic Comment Filing System (ECFS). See *Electronic Filing of Documents in Rulemaking Proceedings*, 63 FR 24121 (1998).

- All hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary must be delivered to FCC Headquarters at 445 12th Street SW., Room TW–A325, Washington, DC 20554. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building.

- Commercial Mail sent by overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service

Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743.

- U.S. Postal Service first-class, Express, and Priority mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street SW., Washington, DC 20554.

This is a summary of the Commission's document DA 15–1453, released on December 18, 2015 in CG Docket No. 03–123. The full text of document DA 15–1453, the Petition, and any subsequently filed documents in this matter will be available for public inspection and copying via ECFS, and during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street SW., Room CY–A257, Washington, DC 20554. Document DA 15–1453 can also be downloaded in Word or Portable Document Format (PDF) at: <https://www.fcc.gov/general/disability-rights-office-headlines>. To request materials in accessible formats for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 (voice), (202) 418–0432 (TTY).

#### **Initial Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 Analysis**

Document DA 15–1453 does not contain proposed information collection requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any proposed information collection burden “for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees,” pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Public Law 107–198, see 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(4).

#### **Synopsis**

On November 25, 2015, IDT filed a petition for rulemaking asking the Commission to issue an NPRM to review and revise its rules and policies concerning the contribution methodology for the TRS Fund. IDT asks the commission to implement a contribution methodology that includes intrastate revenue within the TRS Fund contribution base. Additionally, IDT requests that the Commission remove the rule provision that requires VRS costs to be recovered from only interstate and international revenue. IDT asserts that this would greatly increase and strengthen the base of the TRS Fund.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Gregory Hlibok,**

*Chief, Disability Rights Office, Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau.*

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## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

### **47 CFR Part 69**

**[WC Docket No. 05–25 and RM–10593; DA 15–1473]**

### **Wireline Competition Bureau Extends Comment and Reply Comment Deadlines in Business Data Services (Special Access) Rulemaking Proceeding**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Wireline Competition Bureau grants in part a request seeking an extension to the comment and reply comment deadlines in the business data services (special access proceeding, *Special Access FNPRM*).

**DATES:** Comments may be filed on or before January 22, 2016, and reply comments may be filed by February 19, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, Washington, DC 20554.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joseph Price, Wireline Competition Bureau, Pricing Policy Division, 202–418–1540 or at [Joseph.Price@fcc.gov](mailto:Joseph.Price@fcc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This is a summary of the Commission's order WC Docket 05–25, RM–10593, DA 15–1473, released December 21, 2015. This document does not contain information collection(s) subject to the Paperwork Act of 1995 (PRA), Public Law 104–93. In addition, therefore, it does not contain any new or modified “information collection burdens[s] for small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees,” pursuant to the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002. The full text of this document may be downloaded at the following Internet address: [http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily\\_Releases/Daily\\_Business/2015/db1221/DA-15-1473A1.pdf](http://transition.fcc.gov/Daily_Releases/Daily_Business/2015/db1221/DA-15-1473A1.pdf). To request alternative formats for persons with disabilities (e.g., accessible format documents, sign language, interpreters, CARTS, etc.), send an email to [fcc504@fcc.gov](mailto:fcc504@fcc.gov) or call the Commission's Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418–0530 or (202) 418–0432 (TTY).

## Synopsis

In Section IV.B of the Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making (FNPRM) accompanying the Data Collection Order, adopted on December 11, 2012, the Commission sought comment on possible changes to its rules for the business data services. The Commission set the comment deadlines on this portion of the *Special Access FNPRM*, 78 FR 2600, several months beyond the document's release date to allow interested parties opportunity to review the data and information collected before filing comments. The Bureau has extended these deadlines, upon request and in consideration of oppositions filed in response to the request for extensions of time, to allow interested parties adequate time to access and review the data and information collected. Accordingly, the deadline for filing comments is extended to *January 22, 2016*, and the deadline for reply comments is extended to *February 19, 2016*.

Federal Communications Commission.

**Pamela Arluk**,

Chief, Pricing Policy Division.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

#### 48 CFR Parts 19, 42, and 52

[FAR Case 2014-004; Docket No. 2014-0004; Sequence No. 1]

RIN 9000-AM98

#### Federal Acquisition Regulations: FAR Case 2014-004, Payment of Subcontractors

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** DoD, GSA, and NASA are proposing to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement a section of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. This statute requires contractors to notify the contracting officer in writing if the contractor pays a reduced price to a small business subcontractor, or if the contractor's payment to a small business contractor is more than 90 days past due.

**DATES:** Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat at one of the addresses shown below on or before March 21, 2016 to be considered in the formulation of a final rule.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by FAR Case 2014-004 by any of the following methods:

- Regulations.gov: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for "FAR Case 2014-004". Select the link "Comment Now" that corresponds with FAR Case 2014-004. Follow the instructions provided on the screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "FAR Case 2014-004" in all attached documents.

- Mail: General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW., Second floor, ATTN: Ms. Flowers, Washington, DC 20405.

**Instructions:** Please submit comments only and cite FAR Case 2014-004, Payment of Subcontractors in all correspondence related to this case. Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Curtis E. Glover, Sr., Procurement Analyst, at 202-501-1448 for clarification of content. Please cite FAR case 2014-004. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at 202-501-4755.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

DoD, GSA, and NASA are proposing to implement section 1334 of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-240) and the Small Business Administration's (SBA's) implementation of section 1334 with its final rule, Small Business Subcontracting, published in the **Federal Register** at 78 FR 42391, on July 16, 2013, and effective August 15, 2013. This statute requires the prime contractor to self-report to the contracting officer when the prime contractor makes late or reduced payments to small business subcontractors. In addition, the contracting officer is required to record the identity of contractors with a history

of late or reduced payments to small business subcontractors in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS).

The FAR is proposed to be amended as follows to implement the requirements of section 1334:

FAR 19.701 is revised to add definitions for "reduced payment" and "untimely payment."

FAR 19.704(a)(12) and 52.219-9(d)(12) are added to require that the offeror will pay its small business subcontractors on time and in accordance with the terms and conditions of the subcontract, and notify the contracting officer when the prime contractor pays a reduced or an untimely payment to a small business subcontractor.

FAR 42.1502(g) is revised to include in the past performance evaluation reduced or untimely payments reported to the contracting officer by the prime contractor in accordance with the clause at 52.242-XX, Payments to Small Business Subcontractors, that are determined by the contracting officer to be unjustified.

FAR 42.1503(b)(2)(v) is revised by including "reduced or untimely payments to small business subcontractors when a subcontracting plan is required in accordance with 19.702(a)" to the list of "Small business subcontracting" past performance evaluation factors.

FAR 42.1503(h)(1)(vi) is added to the list of "other contractor performance information" that will be reported to FAPIIS and considered by contracting officers in evaluating contractor past performance to include a contracting officer's determination that a contractor has a history of unjustified reduced or untimely payments to small business subcontractors.

FAR table 42-2, "Evaluation Ratings Definitions (for the Small Business Subcontracting Evaluation Factor, When 52.219-9 is Used)" is revised to include the contracting officer's evaluation of a prime contractor's self-reported unjustified reduced or untimely payments (history of three or more) to small business subcontractors.

FAR 42.1504 is added to require contracting officers to insert the clause at 52.242-XX, Payment to Small Business Subcontractors, in all solicitations and contracts containing the clause at 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan.

FAR clause 52.219-9, Small Business Subcontracting Plan, is revised to add definitions for "reduced payment" and "untimely payment."

FAR clause 52.242-XX, Payment to Small Business Subcontractors, is added