

area, call 703-412-9810 or TDD 703-412-3323. For more detailed information on specific aspects of this rule, contact Patricia Overmeyer, Office of Brownfields and Land Revitalization (5105T), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20460-0002, 202-566-2774, or [overmeyer.patricia@epa.gov](mailto:overmeyer.patricia@epa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Why is EPA using this proposed rule?

This document proposes an amendment to 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 312. In the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is making these changes as a direct final rule without a prior proposed rule because we view this as a noncontroversial action and anticipate no adverse comment. We have explained our reasons for this action, including our reasons for the specific amendment, in the preamble to the direct final rule. Additionally, the amendment to the regulatory text for this proposed rule can also be found in the direct final rule. If we receive no adverse comment on any of the changes we are promulgating today, we will not take further action on this proposed rule. If, however, we receive such comment, we will publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register** informing the public that this amendment will not take effect, and the reason for such withdrawal. We do not intend to institute a second comment period on this action. Any parties interested in commenting must do so at this time. EPA will address public comments in any subsequent final rule. For further information, please see the information provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this document.

##### II. Does this action apply to me?

The discussion of the potentially affected entities by this proposed rule can be found in the preamble to the direct final rule.

##### III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

For a complete discussion of all the administrative requirements applicable to this action, see the direct final rule in the “Rules and Regulations” section of this **Federal Register**.

##### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 312

Environmental Protection, Administrative practice and procedure, Hazardous substances, Intergovernmental relations, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Superfund.

Dated: June 12, 2017.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[DFARS-RRTF-2017-01; Docket DARS-2017-0001]

#### Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; DFARS Subgroup to the DoD Regulatory Reform Task Force, Review of DFARS Solicitation Provisions and Contract Clauses

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with Executive Order 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda,” the DFARS Subgroup to the DoD Regulatory Reform Task Force is seeking input on DFARS solicitation provisions and contract clauses that may be appropriate for repeal, replacement, or modification. See the Supplementary Information section below for additional guidance.

**DATES:** Interested parties should submit written comments to the address shown below on or before August 21, 2017, to be considered.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments identified by “DFARS-RRTF-2017-01” using any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by entering “DFARS-RRTF-2017-01” under the heading “Enter keyword or ID” and selecting “Search.” Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “DFARS-RRTF-2017-01.” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “DFARS-RRTF-2017-01” on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 571-372-6099.
- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: DFARS Subgroup RRTF, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP/DARS, Room 3B941, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal 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 (allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jennifer Johnson, telephone 571-372-6100; or Ms. Carrie Moore, telephone 571-372-6093.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 24, 2017, the President signed Executive Order (E.O.) 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda,” which established a Federal policy “to alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens” on the American people. Section 3(a) of the E.O. directs Federal agencies to establish a Regulatory Reform Task Force (Task Force). One of the duties of the Task Force is to evaluate existing regulations and “make recommendations to the agency head regarding their repeal, replacement, or modification.” The E.O. further asks that each Task Force “attempt to identify regulations that:

- (i) Eliminate jobs, or inhibit job creation;
- (ii) are outdated, unnecessary, or ineffective;
- (iii) impose costs that exceed benefits;
- (iv) create a serious inconsistency or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies;
- (v) are inconsistent with the requirements of section 515 of the Treasury and General Government Appropriation Act, 2001 (44 U.S.C. 3516 note), or the guidance issued pursuant to that provision in particular those regulations that rely in whole or in part on data, information, or methods that are not publicly available or that are insufficiently transparent to meet the standard of reproducibility; or
- (vi) derive from or implement Executive Orders or other Presidential directives that have been subsequently rescinded or substantially modified.”

Section 3(e) of the E.O. 13777 calls on the Task Force to “seek input and other assistance, as permitted by law, from entities significantly affected by Federal regulations, including State, local, and tribal governments, small businesses, consumers, non-governmental organizations, trade associations” on regulations that meet some or all of the criteria above. Through this notice, DoD is soliciting such input from the public to inform evaluation of the DFARS part 252 solicitation provisions and contract clauses by the Task Force’s DFARS Subgroup. Although the agency will not respond to each individual comment, DoD may follow-up with respondents to clarify comments. DoD values public feedback and will consider all input that it receives. Furthermore, DoD may share

inputs received in response to this notice with the “Section 809 Panel” (*section809panel.org*; *SEC809@DAU.MIL*) established under section 809 of the National Defense Act for Fiscal Year 2016, for the purpose of reviewing

the acquisition regulations applicable to DoD with a view toward streamlining and improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the defense acquisition

process and maintaining defense technology advantage.

**Jennifer L. Hawes,**  
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