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[Docket No. FAR 2019–0002, Sequence No. 3]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2019–04; Introduction

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Summary presentation of final rules.

SUMMARY: This document summarizes the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) rules agreed to by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) in this Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2019–04. A companion document, the *Small Entity Compliance Guide* (SECG), follows this FAC. The FAC, including the SECG, is available via the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

DATES: For effective date see the separate documents, which follows.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The analyst whose name appears in the table below in relation to the FAR case. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755.

RULES LISTED IN FAC 2019–04

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I	Ombudsman for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts	2017–020	Jackson.
II	Technical Amendments.		

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summaries for each FAR rule follow. For the actual revisions and/or amendments made by these FAR rules, refer to the specific item numbers and subjects set forth in the documents following these item summaries. FAC 2019–04 amends the FAR as follows:

Item I—Ombudsman for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (FAR Case 2017–020)

DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement a new clause for use in multiple-award indefinite-delivery indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) contracts that identifies the agency task-order and delivery-order ombudsman’s responsibilities and contact information. This rule implements a standardized method to provide the requisite information to contractors via a single contract clause for use by all agencies. This rule intends to minimize the impact on contractors resulting from the variety of ways in which task-order and delivery-order ombudsman information is communicated by agencies.

Item II—Technical Amendments

Editorial changes are made at FAR 1.201–1 and 52.246–21.

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Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2019–04 is issued under the authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the Administrator of

National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Unless otherwise specified, all Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and other directive material contained in FAC 2019–04 is effective August 7, 2019 except for FAR Case 2017–020, which is effective September 6, 2019.

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[FAC 2019–04; FAR Case 2017–020; Item I; Docket No. 2017–0020; Sequence No. 1]

RIN 9000–AN53

Federal Acquisition Regulation: Ombudsman for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement a new clause for use in multiple-award indefinite-delivery indefinite-quantity contracts that provides information on the task-order and delivery-order ombudsman.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 6, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael O. Jackson, Procurement Analyst, at 202–208–4949 for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755. Please cite FAC 2019–04, FAR Case 2017–020.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

DoD, GSA, and NASA published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** on November 1, 2018 at 83 FR 54901, to implement a new clause that provides the agency task-order and delivery-order ombudsman’s responsibilities and contact information for use in multiple-award indefinite-delivery indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) contracts. FAR 16.504(a)(4)(v) required that the name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, and email address of the agency’s task-order and delivery-order ombudsman be included in IDIQ solicitations and contracts, if multiple