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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 1

[WT Docket No. 19-212; FCC 20-126; FRS 27277]

Completing the Transition to Electronic Filing, Licenses and Authorizations, and Correspondence in the Wireless Radio Services

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; correction.

SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) is correcting the amendatory instructions for the E-Licensing Report and Order that appeared in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2020. The Report and Order finalizes the Commission's transition to electronic interactions for licenses in the Wireless Radio Services. We make this correction because an amendatory instruction in the rules can no longer be implemented as written. This is because the rule was modified after the Report and Order was adopted but before the rule modification was scheduled to take effect.

DATES: Effective June 29, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Patsas Nevitt email: katherine.nevitt@fcc.gov of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau; or call Katherine Patsas Nevitt at (202) 418-0638.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In FR Doc. 20-28779, appearing on page 85524 in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2020, the following correction is made:

§ 1.1307 [Corrected]

■ 1. On page 85530, in the second column, in amendatory instruction 20, remove instruction 20a and redesignate instructions 20b and 20c as instructions 20a and 20b.

Federal Communications Commission.

Marlene Dortch,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

48 CFR Parts 204, 212 and 252

[Docket DARS-2019-0047]

RIN 0750-AJ52

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Expediting Contract Closeout (DFARS Case 2017-0042)

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD is issuing a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to permit expedited contract closeout through a waiver by the contractor and the Government of entitlement to any residual dollar amounts that are due to either party at the time of contract closeout. The changes are necessary to establish an expedited contract closeout agreement that will save administrative costs for both the contractor and the Government.

DATES: Effective May 20, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Kimberly Ziegler, telephone 571-372-6095.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

DoD published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** at 85 FR 19719 on April 8, 2020, to implement an expedited contract closeout process in the DFARS. The rule adds a new contract clause at DFARS 252.204-7022, Expediting Contract Closeout, and a prescription for the clause at DFARS 204.804-70. The clause will be used when the contracting officer intends to expedite the contract closeout process by having the contractor and the Government waive entitlement to a residual dollar amount up to \$1,000 at the time of contract closeout. Four respondents submitted public comments in response to the proposed rule.

II. Discussion and Analysis

DoD reviewed the public comments in the development of the final rule. One respondent provided a comment on the DoD budget that was outside the scope of this rule. A discussion of the remaining comments and the changes made to the rule as a result of those comments is provided, as follows:

A. Summary of Significant Changes From the Proposed Rule

Minor edits were made to the final rule to account for baseline updates necessitated by publication of other DFARS interim or final rules. Edits were made to the proposed rule to clarify the Government's intent regarding the determination of a residual amount.

B. Analysis of Public Comments

1. General Support for the Rule

Comment: Some respondents express support for the rule.

Response: DoD acknowledges support for the rule.

2. Application of the Rule

Comment: Some respondents support expanding the application of the expedited closeout process to other procurements, to include those issued under FAR parts 8, 15, and 16, and DoD-funded assisted acquisitions regardless of awarding agency.

Response: The rule does not exclude DoD contracts or orders issued against DoD contracts. DoD does not have the authority to impose the expedited contract closeout clause on non-DoD contracts or assisted acquisitions conducted by non-DoD agencies.

3. Clarification of the Process

Comment: Some respondents express concern about the bilateral agreement to waive the entitlement of up to \$1,000 occurring in advance of contract closeout. A respondent recommends that the determination to invoke the clause and the expedited contract closeout process be mutually agreed by the Government and contractor at time of contract closeout.

Response: Use of the clause is not mandatory. The rule permits contracting officers to insert the clause in solicitations and resulting contracts, at their discretion, unless the successful offeror indicates they do not agree to the inclusion of the clause in the resulting contract. The agreement to waive the entitlement at the time of contract award permits the Government and contractor to complete the applicable closeout procedures at FAR 4.804, without having to execute a bilateral contract modification to invoke the clause or close the contract. The Government and contractor should reach a bilateral agreement during the normal closeout processes in FAR 4.804. The text of the final rule is revised to clarify that completion of the contract closeout procedures at FAR 4.804 is required.