

adopted as a requirement by the Agency but encouraged and recommended for use to improve the management, quality, and usefulness of the data. USAID recommends the use of the following standards when appropriate and practicable:

(a) Code, Algorithm, and Analytical Files

- (1) Javascript (.js)
- (2) Java
- (3) .NET
- (4) Python (.py)
- (5) Ruby (.rb)
- (6) R (.r)
- (7) SQL

(b) *GS1 Standards*—USAID-funded programs beyond Global Health are strongly recommended to adopt GS1 Standards for the supply chain to facilitate product identification, location identification, and product master data of Agency-funded commodities. Additional guidance for implementation of GS1 Standards can be found *here*.

(c) *Statistical Data and Metadata eXchange (SDMX)* for statistical data

(d) *CGIAR Ontologies* for crop and agronomy ontology

(e) *FHIR* for healthcare data exchange

(f) *ISO 8601* for Date, Time, and Time Zone

(g) *Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) Standards* for geospatial data. The Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) is an international consortium of more than 500 businesses, government agencies, research organizations, and universities driven to make geospatial (location) information and services FAIR—Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable.

(h) *International Aid Transparency Initiative (IATI)*

(i) *FAIR Data Principles*—To the extent possible, USAID-funded data and metadata must align with data principles which are Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable.

(j) Metadata Creation Tools:

(1) *USGS TKME*—A Windows platform tool for creating FGDC–CSDGM which can be configured for Biological Data Profile and other extensions. The software program is closely aligned with the Metadata Parser, and can be configured for French and Spanish.

(2) *mdEditor*—Create ISO and FGDC–CSDGM metadata with this web-based tool.

(3) *Data dictionary conversion service*—Convert a data dictionary table to/from metadata format (*instructions*).

(4) *USDA Metavist*—A desktop metadata editor for creating FGDC–CSDGM for geospatial metadata. Includes the Biological Data Profile

(version 1.6). Produced and maintained by the USDA Forest Service. Download the *USGS Alaska Science Center (ASC) Metavist User Guide [PDF]* to learn more about the tool and ASC best practices for authors.

(5) *Microsoft XML Notepad*—A simple intuitive user interface for browsing and editing XML files. Does not automatically produce FGDC–CSDGM records but allows easy editing and validation of existing metadata records. See *Advanced Users* to learn how to configure this tool.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

48 CFR Parts 3015, 3016, and 3052

[Docket No. DHS–2009–005]

RIN 1601–AA43

Revision of Department of Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation; Limitations on Subcontracting in Emergency Acquisitions (HSAR Case 2009–005); Withdrawal

AGENCY: Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; withdrawal.

SUMMARY: DHS is withdrawing a proposed rule titled “Revision of Department of Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation; Limitations on Subcontracting in Emergency Acquisitions (HSAR Case 2009–005)” and providing notice of its cancellation. The notice of proposed rulemaking proposed to amend the Homeland Security Acquisition Regulation (HSAR) to implement a law that limited the use of subcontractors on cost-reimbursement type contracts entered into by the Department to facilitate the response to or recovery from a natural disaster or act of terrorism or other man-made disaster. DHS is withdrawing this proposed rule because Congress has since repealed this provision. Thus, DHS will not take any further action on this proposal.

DATES: The proposed rule published on June 9, 2010 (75 FR 32723), is withdrawn as of April 14, 2023.

ADDRESSES: Mail: Department of Homeland Security, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation, ATTN: Catherine Benavides, 245 Murray Drive, Bldg. 410 (RDS), Washington, DC 20528.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Catherine Benavides, Procurement Analyst, DHS, Office of the Chief Procurement Officer, Acquisition Policy and Legislation at (202) 897–8301 or email *HSAR@hq.dhs.gov*. When using email, include HSAR Case 2009–005 in the “Subject” line.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 9, 2010, DHS proposed to amend the HSAR, 48 CFR parts 3015, 3016, and 3052, to propose regulations to implement Public Law 109–295, Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act (PKERMA), title VI, section 692, Limitations on Tiering of Subcontractors. Subsequently, title VIII, section 866 of the Duncan Hunter National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 resulted in Government-wide changes to the Federal Acquisition Regulation to prevent excessive subcontracting, making section 692 unnecessary. Subsequently Congress repealed section 692 in Public Law 117–253 (December 20, 2022). Thus, DHS is withdrawing this proposed rule and will not take any further action on this proposal.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Halibut Fisheries of the West Coast; Management Measures for the 2023 Area 2A Pacific Halibut Directed Commercial Fishery

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: NMFS proposes to implement harvest specifications and management measures for the 2023 non-tribal directed commercial Pacific halibut fishery that operates south of Point Chehalis, WA (46°53.30' N lat.) in the International Pacific Halibut Commission’s regulatory Area 2A off Washington, Oregon, and California. Specifically, NMFS is proposing the 2023 directed commercial fishing periods and fishing period catch limits