

### Item VI—Past Performance Evaluation of Federal Prison Industries Contracts (FAR Case 2001–035)

This final rule requires agencies to evaluate Federal Prison Industries (FPI) contract performance. This change will permit Federal customers to rate FPI performance, compare FPI to private sector providers, and give FPI important feedback on previously awarded contracts. It is expected that this change will give FPI the same opportunity that we give private sector providers, to improve their customer satisfaction, in general, and their performance on delivery, price, and quality, specifically.

### Item VII—Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statute or Executive Orders—Commercial Items (FAR Case 2000–009)

This final rule amends the clause at 52.212–5, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statute or Executive Orders—Commercial Items, to ensure that required statutes enacted subsequent to FASA that contain civil or criminal penalties or specifically cite their applicability to commercial items are included on the list, and to ensure that any post-FASA items that did not meet this criteria are deleted from the list. In addition, the pre-FASA clauses and alternates that were inadvertently left off the list are added. The date of each clause is added to the list to identify what revision of the listed clause applies when this clause is added to a contract.

### Item VIII—Technical Amendments

These amendments update references and make editorial changes at FAR 52.213–4(a)(2)(vi), 52.244–6 section and clause headings, and 52.247–64(a).

Dated: May 13, 2003.

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### Federal Acquisition Circular

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2001–14 is issued under the authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Unless otherwise specified, all Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and other directive material contained in FAC 2001–14 are effective June 23, 2003, except for Items III, V and VIII which are effective May 22, 2003.

Dated: May 9, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

**48 CFR Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 35, 36, 42, 45, 47, 52, and 53**

**[FAC 2001–14; FAR Case 1999–400; Item I]**

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### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Geographic Use of the Term “United States”

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

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) have agreed on a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to clarify the use of the term “United States” in the FAR, in accordance with the FAR Drafting Guide.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* June 23, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The FAR Secretariat, Room 4035, GS Building, Washington, DC 20405, (202) 501–4755, for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. For clarification of content, contact Ms. Cecelia Davis, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 219–0202. Please cite FAC 2001–14, FAR case 1999–400.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### A. Background

This rule amends the FAR to clarify the use of the term “United States,” when used in a geographic sense. The term “United States” is defined in FAR 2.101 to include the 50 States and the District of Columbia. Where a wider area of applicability is intended, the term is redefined in the appropriate part

or subpart of the FAR, or supplemented by listing the additional areas of applicability each time the term is used. This rule corrects and updates references to the United States throughout the FAR, including a new definition of “outlying areas” of the United States, a term that encompasses all outlying commonwealths, territories, and minor outlying islands.

DoD, GSA, and NASA published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** at 66 FR 39230, July 27, 2001. No public comments were received. The Councils have agreed to convert the proposed rule to a final rule with only minor editorial changes.

This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

### B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration certify that this final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because the rule simply standardizes terminology and clarifies existing meaning. This rule is not intended to make policy changes.

### C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FAR do not impose information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

**List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 35, 36, 42, 45, 47, 52, and 53**

Government procurement.

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■ Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 35, 36, 42, 45, 47, 52, and 53 as set forth below:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 14, 19, 22, 23, 25, 26, 28, 29, 31, 35, 36, 42, 45, 47, 52, and 53 is revised to read as follows:

**Authority:** 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).