

requirements of the proposed rule, including an estimate of the classes of small entities that will be subject to the requirement and the type of professional skills necessary for preparation of the report or record.

The proposed rule makes changes in certain provisions or clauses in order to recognize the fact that authorized non-federal ordering activities may place orders under the contract. The Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act have previously approved these clauses and the changes do not impact the information collection or recordkeeping requirements.

5. Identification, to the extent practicable, of all relevant Federal rules that may duplicate, overlaps or conflict with the proposed rule.

The proposed rule when finalized does not duplicate, overlap, or conflict with any other Federal rules.

6. Description of any significant alternatives to the proposed rule that accomplish the stated objectives of applicable statutes and that minimize any significant economic impact of the proposed rule on small entities.

There are no practical alternatives that will accomplish the objective of this rule.

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

The new provision at GSAR 552.232–82, Contractor's Remittance (Payment) Address, contains an information collection requirement that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). The provision provides for the offeror to indicate the payment address to which checks should be mailed for payment of invoices and provides for the offeror to identify participating dealers and provide their addresses for receiving orders and payments on behalf of the contractor. This information is the same as is normally required in the commercial world and does not represent a Government-unique information collection. Therefore, the estimated burden for this clause under the Paperwork Reduction Act is zero. GSA has a blanket approval under control number 3090–0250 from OMB for information collections with a zero burden estimate.

The new clause at GSAR 552.232–83, Contractor's Billing Responsibilities, contains a recordkeeping requirement that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*). The clause provides for the contractor to require all dealers participating in the performance of the contract to agree to maintain certain records on sales made under the contract on behalf of the contractor. The records required are the same as those normally maintained by dealers in the commercial world and do not represent a Government-unique record keeping requirement. Therefore, the estimated burden for this clause

under the Paperwork Reduction Act is zero. GSA has a blanket approval under control number 3090–0250 from OMB for information collections with a zero burden estimate.

The revised clause at GSAR 552.238–75, Price Reductions, contains an information collection requirement that is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) that has previously been approved by the OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act and assigned control number 3090–0235. The changes made to the clause by this rule do not have an impact on the information collection requirement, which was previously approved. Therefore, it has not been submitted to OMB for approval under the Act.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 532, 538, and 552

Government procurement.

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Therefore, GSA proposes to amend 48 CFR parts 532, 538, and 552 as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 532, 538, and 552 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

PART 532—CONTRACT FINANCING

2. Amend section 532.206 by redesignating the existing paragraph as paragraph (a) and by adding paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) to read as follows:

532.206 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

(a) * * *

(b) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 552.232–81, Payments by Non-Federal Ordering Activities, in solicitations and schedule contracts for Schedule 70.

(c) The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 552.232–82, Contractor's Remittance (Payment) Address, in solicitations and schedule contracts for Schedule 70.

(d) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 552.232–83, Contractor's Billing Responsibilities, in solicitations and schedule contracts for Schedule 70.

532.7003 [Amended]

3. Amend section 532.7003 in paragraph (a) by removing "Payment by Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card" and adding "Payment by Credit Card" in its place.

PART 538—FEDERAL SUPPLY SCHEDULE CONTRACTING

538.272 [Amended]

4. Amend paragraph (a) of section 538.272 by removing "Government" each time it is used (twice) and adding "eligible ordering activities" in its place.

5. Add subpart 538.70 to read as follows:

Subpart 538.70—Cooperative Purchasing

Sec.

538.7000 Scope of subpart.

538.7001 Definitions.

538.7002 General.

538.7003 Policy.

538.7004 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

538.7000 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures that implement statutory provisions authorizing non-federal organizations to use Schedule 70 contracts.

538.7001 Definitions.

Ordering activity (also called "ordering agency" and "ordering office") means an eligible ordering activity (see 552.238–78) authorized to place orders under Federal supply schedule contracts.

Schedule 70, as used in this subpart, means schedule 70 contracts, including products under Federal Supply Classification Code 70 of the Federal Supply Schedule program, services under Federal Supply Classification Code d3 (ADP & Telecommunication Services), and support items under both of these codes.

State and local government entities, as used in this subpart, means the States of the United States, counties, municipalities, cities, towns, townships, tribal governments, public authorities (including public or Indian housing agencies under the United States Housing Act of 1937), school districts, colleges and other institutions of higher education, council of governments (incorporated or not), regional or interstate government entities, or any agency or instrumentality of the preceding entities (including any local educational agency or institution of higher education), and including legislative and judicial departments. The term does not include contractors of, or grantees of, State or local governments.

(1) *Local educational agency* has the meaning given that term in section 8013 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7713).