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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 16, 1990, President George Bush signed the Act into law. The Act addresses the rights of lineal descendants, Indian tribes, and Native Hawaiian organizations to Native American human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and cultural patrimony with which they are affiliated. Section 9 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior ("the Secretary") to assess a civil penalty against any museum that fails to comply with the requirements of the Act [25 U.S.C. 3007]. Such penalties must be assessed according to procedures established by the Secretary through regulation. An interim rule establishing civil penalty procedures was published in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 1997 (62 FR 1820), and went into effect on February 12, 1997. A final rule establishing civil penalty procedures was published in the **Federal Register** on April 3, 2003 (68 FR 16354), and went into effect on May 5, 2003. As published, the final rule contains an error that needs to be corrected.

Need for Correction: The correction clarifies the amendatory instruction to make it clear that the final rule published in the **Federal Register** on April 3, 2003 (68 FR 16354) replaces the interim rule published in the **Federal Register** on January 13, 1997 (62 FR 1820).

List of Subjects in 43 CFR Part 10

Administrative practices and procedure, Hawaiian Natives, Historic preservation, Indians—Claims, Museums, Reporting and record-keeping requirements.

■ Accordingly, the final rule amending title 43 CFR part 10 published April 3, 2003 (68 FR 16354) is corrected as follows:

PART 10—NATIVE AMERICAN GRAVES PROTECTION AND REPATRIATION ACT REGULATIONS

The authority citation for Part 10 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 25 U.S.C. 3001 *et seq.*

In FR Doc. 03-7947 published on April 3, 2003, (68 FR 16354), make the following technical correction: On page 16360, in the second column, the amendatory instruction below the authority citation indicates that Part 10 is amended by "adding" § 10.12. The sentence is amended to read "Part 10 is amended by revising § 10.12 as follows:".

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

48 CFR Chapter 10

RIN 1505-AA89

Department of the Treasury Acquisition Regulation

AGENCY: Office of the Procurement Executive, Department of the Treasury.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury ("Treasury") is amending the Department of the Treasury Acquisition Regulation (DTAR) in its entirety. Treasury has rewritten the DTAR into plain English. The DTAR includes both policy direction and regulatory guidance. Only regulatory guidance is being published. Treasury has also updated the DTAR to reflect changes to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and to establish and encourage participation in the Treasury Mentor-Protégé Program.

DATE: August 4, 2003.

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I. Background

This final rule amends the Department of the Treasury Acquisition Regulation (DTAR). The DTAR, as reissued, uses plain English to improve clarity and understanding; eliminates internal operating procedures that do not have a significant effect beyond Treasury; establishes the Treasury Mentor-Protégé Program and, eliminates coverage that is obsolete or duplicates the FAR. The DTAR is intended to be simple for contractors, offerors, and Treasury contracting personnel to use.

A proposed rule was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 76150-67156)

on December 11, 2002, providing for a 30 day comment period. There were no comments received regarding the proposed rule.

II. Final Action

This final rule will amend the Department of the Treasury Acquisition Regulation system. It uses plain English, eliminates internal operating procedures that do not have significant effect beyond Treasury, establishes the Treasury Mentor-Protégé Program, and eliminates coverage that is obsolete or duplicates the FAR.

III. Statutory and Executive Order Reviews

A. Executive Order 12866

This final rule is not a significant regulatory action for the purposes of Executive Order 12866 as supplemented by Executive Order 13132, and is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804; therefore no review is required by the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs within the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

B. Executive Order 12988

With respect to the review of existing regulations and the promulgation of new regulations, section 3(a) of Executive Order 12988, Treasury has completed the required review and determined that this final rule meets the relevant standards of Executive Order 12988 as supplemented by Executive Order 13132.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This final regulation does 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, and *et seq.* The analysis requirement of the Act does not apply if the agency certifies that the rule, if promulgated, will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The Mentor-Protégé Program does apply to large business and small business firms that receive a form of incentive for assuming the role of mentor to small businesses, other small disadvantaged businesses, qualified HUBZone small businesses, small businesses owned and controlled by service disabled veterans, and small women-owned businesses. It is expected that the protégé entities would directly benefit from the forms of mentoring provided for in this rule.

The other revisions do not add any new requirements, but restate existing