

those facilities located outside the United States and its outlying areas.

#### Item VI—Selling Cost Principle (FAR Case 2001–024)

This final rule amends the FAR to revise the “selling costs” cost principle by restructuring the paragraphs and removing unnecessary and duplicative language to increase clarity. The rule does not change the allowability of selling costs. The case was initiated at the request of the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA). This rule is of particular interest to contractors and contracting officers who use cost analysis to price contracts and modifications, and who determine or negotiate reasonable costs in accordance with a clause of a contract, *e.g.*, price revision of fixed-price incentive contracts, terminated contracts, or indirect cost rates.

#### Item VII—Section 508 Micropurchase Exception Sunset Provision (FAR Case 2002–012)

The interim rule published in the **Federal Register** at 67 FR 80321, December 31, 2002, is converted to a final rule, without change, to extend the Electronic and Information Technology (Section 508) micropurchase exception to October 1, 2004.

#### Item VIII—Technical Amendments

These amendments update references and make editorial changes at FAR 19.1005 and 52.212–1.

Dated: July 16, 2003.

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#### Federal Acquisition Circular

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2001–15 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 FAC2001–15 are effective August 25, 2003, except for Items III, VII, and VIII which are effective July 24, 2003.

Dated: July 14, 2003.

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Dated: July 14, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

#### 48 CFR Parts 1, 5, 14, 19, 22, 36, 52, and 53

[FAC 2001–15; FAR Case 2001–032; Item I]

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#### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Elimination of the Standard Form 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application

**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 remove the requirement for contracting offices to establish and maintain manual solicitation mailing lists and the need to use the Standard Form (SF) 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application.

**DATES:** Effective Date: August 25, 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 Mr. Ralph De Stefano, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501–1758. Please cite FAC 2001–15, FAR case 2001–032.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Background

In order to broaden use and reliance on e-business applications, the Councils have been working with the Office of Federal Procurement Policy to eliminate the need to maintain paper-based sources of contractor information. As part of this effort, the Councils have agreed to eliminate the SF 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application.

The SF 129 was created to enable contracting activities to obtain information from sources to develop a solicitation mailing list. At the time the

form was developed, manual processes were the only means available to assure access to adequate sources of supplies and services. Today, by sharp contrast, there are multiple tools available to agencies that can provide the functionality of the SF 129, but in a more efficient and effective manner. With the Administration's encouragement, agencies are taking advantage of these tools. For example, an increasing number of agencies are requiring potential contractors to register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) System, a centrally located, searchable database, accessible via the Internet, as their tool of choice for developing, maintaining, and providing sources for future procurements. The CCR database enables prospective contractors to update their information in one place via a Web site. Contracting officers are now able to access, via the Internet, contractor data and industry information less expensively, and more efficiently identify sources for contracting opportunities. FAR changes are pending that will require use of CCR as the single validated source of data on contractors doing business with the Government (<http://www.ccr.gov>). Furthermore, agencies are continually working to develop new electronic means of matching interested businesses with Government contracting offices on “FedBizOpps,” <http://www.FedBizOpps.gov>, the designated single Governmentwide point of entry for public access to notices of procurement actions over \$25,000. FedBizOpp, through its interested vendors list, has the capability to generate a list of vendors who are interested in a specific solicitation for purposes of teaming opportunities, subcontracting opportunities, and other business relationships. In light of these electronic initiatives, we have eliminated the manual collection of contractor data using the SF 129.

DoD, GSA, and NASA published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** at 67 FR 67762, November 6, 2002. Three sources submitted comments in response to the proposed rule. All respondents agreed with the rule as published. One respondent pointed out a typographical error at 52.214–10. That error has been corrected. Additionally, the proposed rule inadvertently omitted the phrase “except for construction,” at 14.201–6(e), the prescription for the use of the provision at 52.214–10, Contract Award-Sealed Bidding. That language has been corrected in this final rule.

This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of Executive