

**Item I—Elimination of Standard Form 129, Solicitation Mailing List Application (FAR Case 2001–032)**

This final rule removes 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. The purpose of the rule is to broaden use and reliance on e-business applications. It is expected that this rule will eliminate, in part, the need for contracting offices to maintain paper-based sources of contractor information.

**Item II—Energy-Efficient Standby Power Devices (FAR Case 2001–028)**

This final rule implements Executive Order 13221, of July 31, 2001, Energy-Efficient Standby Power Devices, by providing guidance on energy-efficient standby power devices. The rule also clarifies requirements for the purchase of recovered material. The requirements of this rule apply to contracting officers that purchase products that use external standby power devices or that contain an internal standby power function, and products that are composed of recovered material. Government contracting and technical personnel will need to ensure that proposed acquisitions comply with the Government preference for energy-efficient products.

**Item III—Electronic Listing of Acquisition Vehicles Available For Use By More Than One Agency (FAR Case 2001–030)**

This final rule provides the regulatory underpinning for the operation and use of an online directory to facilitate greater awareness of contracts available for multiple agency use. The rule—

1. Adds a new Subpart 5.6, Publicizing Multi-Agency Use Contracts, that—

- (a) Provides the Internet address to access the database;

- (b) Requires agencies to enter information into the database within ten days of award of a Governmentwide acquisition contract (GWAC), multi-agency contract, Federal Supply Schedule contract, or other procurement instrument intended for use by multiple agencies including blanket purchase agreements under Federal Supply Schedule contracts; and

- (c) Requires contracting activities to enter information into the database by October 31, 2003, on all existing contracts and other procurement instruments intended for use by multiple agencies, except for those expiring on or before June 1, 2004.

2. Adds language at FAR 7.105(b)(1) to consider the sources contained in the database as prospective sources of supplies and services.

3. Adds language at FAR 10.002(b)(2)(iv) to encourage querying the database during market research for information relevant to agency acquisitions.

**Item IV—Compensation Cost Principle (FAR Case 2001–0)**

This final rule amends the FAR to revise the “compensation for personal services” cost principle by removing unnecessary and duplicative language and restructuring it. This rule is of particular interest to 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, indirect cost rates.

**Item V—Leadership in Environmental Management (E.O. 13148) (FAR Case 2000–005)**

This final rule provides policies and procedures for obtaining contractor information so that agencies can implement environmental management systems and complete facility compliance audits. The rule implements

Executive Order 13148 of April 21, 2000, Greening the Government through Leadership in Environmental Management. The requirements of this rule apply to facilities owned or operated by Federal agencies, except 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 5 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 5) 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.

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