

payment under either a commercial item or a noncommercial item contract.

Item VI—Caribbean Basin Country—Dominican Republic (FAR Case 2003–006)

This final rule amends FAR 25.003, 25.400, and the clauses at FAR 52.212–5, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders Commercial Items, and FAR 52.225–5, Trade Agreements, to implement the direction of the USTR to reinstate the treatment of certain products of the Dominican Republic as eligible products under acquisitions subject to the Trade Agreements Act, as published by the USTR in the Federal Register at 68 FR 27883, May 21, 2003. This change will allow Government purchase of products originating in the Dominican Republic that are not excluded from duty-free treatment under 19 U.S.C. 2703(b), unless otherwise restricted by law.

Item VII—Prohibited Sources (FAR Case 2001–015)

This final rule removes Serbia, the Taliban-controlled regions of Afghanistan, and Iraq from the list of prohibited sources and points the contracting officer to lists of entities and individuals subject to economic sanctions that are available at <http://www.epis.gov/TerList1.html>. The contracting officer is no longer authorized in unusual circumstances to acquire for use outside the United States supplies or services restricted by this section, unless specifically authorized by the OFAC. However, OFAC has granted authority to Department of Defense personnel to make emergency acquisitions in direct support of U.S. or allied forces deployed in military contingency, humanitarian, or peacekeeping operations in a country or region subject to economic sanctions administered by OFAC.

Item VIII—Economic Planning, Employee Morale, and Travel Costs Principles (FAR Case 2002–001)

This final rule amends the FAR to revise three cost principles: (1) FAR 31.205–12, Economic planning costs; (2) FAR 31.205–13, Employee morale, health, welfare, food service, and dormitory costs and credits; and (3) FAR 31.205–46, Travel costs. The changes restructure the paragraphs and remove unnecessary and duplicative language to increase clarity and readability. The rule does not change the allowability of costs. The case was initiated to consider suggestions made at a series of public meetings. 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 IX—Technical Amendments

This amendment makes editorial changes at FAR 8.404(b)(6) and 24.202(a).

Dated: September 24, 2003.

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Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

Federal Acquisition Circular

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2001–16 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 2001–16 are effective October 31, 2003, except for Items I, II, III, IV, and IX, which are effective October 1, 2003.

Dated: September 22, 2003.

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Dated: September 23, 2003.

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Dated: September 15, 2003.

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Federal Acquisition Regulation; Central Contractor Registration

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 require registration of contractors in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database prior to award of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchase agreement. In addition, the rule requires contracting officers to modify existing contracts whose period of performance extends beyond December 31, 2003, to require contractors to register in the CCR database by December 31, 2003. The rule also revises the source list of supplies in the FAR (*see* Simplified Acquisition Procedures) to reflect statutory changes.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2003.

Applicability Date: This final rule applies to contracts, basic agreements, basic ordering agreements, blanket purchase agreements, or modifications awarded on or after October 1, 2003. Existing contracts, basic agreements, basic ordering agreements, or blanket purchase agreements with a period of performance beyond December 31, 2003, are also covered by this final rule and must be modified pursuant to FAR 4.1103.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This rule amends the FAR to require contractor registration in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database prior to award of any contract, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchase agreement. In addition, the rule requires contracting officers to modify existing contracts whose period of performance extends beyond December 31, 2003, to require contractors to register in the CCR database by December 31, 2003.

DoD, GSA, and NASA published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** at 68 FR 16366, April 3, 2003, with a request for comments. Thirty-one respondents submitted 106 comments. The following discussion of the comments is provided:

1. The proposed rule requires registration of contractors in the CCR