

(7) Unit of issue.

(8) Destination information.

(9) Delivery schedule.

(10) Duration of the contract period.

(11) For a proposed contract action in an amount estimated to be greater than \$25,000 but not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold, enter—

(i) A description of the procedures to be used in awarding the contract (*e.g.*, request for oral or written quotation or solicitation); and

(ii) The anticipated award date.

(12) For Architect-Engineer projects and other projects for which the supply or service codes are insufficient, provide brief details with respect to: location, scope of services required, cost range and limitations, type of contract, estimated starting and completion dates, and any significant evaluation factors.

(13) Numbered notes (*see* paragraph (e) of this section), including instructions for set-asides for small businesses.

(14) In the case of noncompetitive contract actions (including those that do not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold), identify the intended source (*see* paragraph (e) of this section) and insert a statement of the reason justifying the lack of competition.

(15) Insert a statement that all responsible sources may submit a bid, proposal, or quotation which shall be considered by the agency.

(16) If solicitations synopsisized through the GPE will not be made available through the GPE, provide information on how to obtain the solicitation.

(17) If the solicitation will be made available to interested parties through electronic data interchange, provide any information necessary to obtain and respond to the solicitation electronically.

(18) In the case of a very small business set-aside, identify the Designated Region (*see* Subpart 19.9).

(19) If the technical data required to respond to the solicitation will not be furnished as part of such solicitation, identify the source in the Government, if any, from which the technical data may be obtained.

(d) *Set-asides*. When the proposed acquisition provides for a total, partial, or very small business set-aside or a HUBZone small business set-aside, the appropriate Numbered Note will be cited.

(e) *Numbered notes*. Numbered Notes are footnotes to be used by contracting officers to eliminate the unnecessary duplication of information that appears in various announcements. An explanation of the numbered notes appears at <http://www.fedbizopps.gov>.

(f) *Codes to be used in Synopses to identify services or supplies*. Contracting officers must use one of the classification codes identified at <http://www.fedbizopps.gov/> to identify services or supplies in synopses.

(g) *Cancellation of synopsis*. Contracting officers should not publish notices of solicitation cancellations (or indefinite suspensions) of proposed contract actions in the GPE. Cancellations of solicitations must be made in accordance with 14.209 and 14.404–1.

■ 10. Amend section 5.301 by revising paragraph (c) and removing paragraph (d) to read as follows:

#### 5.301 General.

\* \* \* \* \*

(c) With respect to acquisitions subject to the Trade Agreements Act, contracting officers must submit synopses in sufficient time to permit their publication in the GPE not later than 60 days after award.

### PART 9—CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

#### 9.204 [Amended]

■ 11. Amend section 9.204 in paragraph (a)(1) by removing the last sentence.

#### 9.205 [Amended]

■ 12. Amend section 9.205 in the introductory text of paragraph (a) by removing the third sentence.

### PART 10—MARKET RESEARCH

#### 10.002 [Amended]

■ 13. Amend section 10.002 by removing “(*see* 5.207(e)(4))” from the end of paragraph (d)(2) and adding “(*see* 5.207(e))” in its place.

### PART 12—ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS

#### 12.603 [Amended]

■ 14. Amend section 12.603 in paragraph (a) by removing the last sentence; in paragraph (c)(1) by removing “for items 1–16”; and in paragraph (c)(2) by removing “item 17,” and adding “the” in its place.

### PART 13—SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES

#### 13.104 [Amended]

■ 15. Amend section 13.104 in the first sentence of paragraph (b) by removing “neither using FACNET nor” and adding “not using either FACNET or” in its place.

### PART 14—SEALED BIDDING

#### 14.503–2 [Amended]

■ 16. Amend section 14.503–2 in paragraph (b) by removing “(*see* 5.207(b)(1))” and adding “(*see* 5.207)” in its place.

### PART 22—APPLICATION OF LABOR LAWS TO GOVERNMENT ACQUISITIONS

#### 22.1009–4 [Amended]

■ 17. Amend section 22.1009–4 in the introductory text of paragraph (b) by removing “(*see* 5.207(g)(4))”.

### PART 25—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

#### 25.408 [Amended]

■ 18. Amend section 25.408 in paragraph (a)(2) by removing “(5.207(e)(2))” and adding “(5.207(e))” in its place.

### PART 35—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTING

#### 35.016 [Amended]

■ 19. Amend section 35.016 in paragraph (c) by removing the last sentence.

[FR Doc. 03–24583 Filed 9–30–03; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6820–EP–P

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

#### 48 CFR Part 4

[FAC 2001–16; FAR Case 2002–025; Item III]

RIN 9000–AJ70

### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Unique Contract and Order Identifier Numbers

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Interim rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) have agreed to issue an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to require that Federal agencies assign a unique identifier for every contract, purchase order, BOA, Basic Agreement, and BPA reported to the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS). Agencies must be