

rule will 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, *et seq.*, because the rule only affects acquisitions from prohibited sources.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FAR do not impose information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 25 and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: September 24, 2003.

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■ Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 25 and 52 as set forth below:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 25 and 52 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

PART 25—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

■ 2. Revise section 25.701 to read as follows:

25.701 Restrictions.

(a) Except as authorized by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in the Department of the Treasury, agencies and their contractors and subcontractors must not acquire any supplies or services if any proclamation, Executive order, or statute administered by OFAC, or if OFAC's implementing regulations at 31 CFR chapter V, would prohibit such a transaction by a person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(b) Except as authorized by OFAC, most transactions involving Cuba, Iran, Libya, and Sudan are prohibited, as are most imports from North Korea into the United States or its outlying areas. In addition, lists of entities and individuals subject to economic sanctions are included in OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons at <http://www.epls.gov/Terlist1.html>. More information about these restrictions, as well as updates, is available in OFAC's regulations at 31 CFR chapter V and/or on OFAC's Web site at <http://www.treas.gov/ofac>.

25.702 [Amended]

■ 3. Amend section 25.702 by removing "622–2520" and adding "622–2490" in its place.

25.1103 [Amended]

■ 4. Amend section 25.1103 in paragraph (a) by removing "(see 25.701(a)(2))".

PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

■ 5. Amend section 52.212–5 by revising the date of the clause and paragraph (b)(24) to read as follows:

52.212–5 Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items.

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Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders—Commercial Items (Oct. 2003)

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(b) * * *

(24) 52.225–13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (Oct. 2003) (E.o.s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

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■ 6. Amend section 52.213–4 by revising paragraph (a)(1)(iv) to read as follows:

52.213–4 Terms and Conditions—Simplified Acquisitions (Other Than Commercial Items).

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(iv) 52.225–13, Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (Oct. 2003) (E.o.s, proclamations, and statutes administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury).

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■ 7. Amend section 52.225–13 by revising the date of the clause and paragraphs (a) and (b) to read as follows:

52.225–13 Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases.

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Restrictions on Certain Foreign Purchases (Oct. 2003)

(a) Except as authorized by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) in the Department of the Treasury, the Contractor shall not acquire, for use in the performance of this contract, any supplies or services if any proclamation, Executive order, or statute administered by OFAC, or if OFAC's implementing regulations at 31 CFR chapter V, would prohibit such a transaction by a person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States.

(b) Except as authorized by OFAC, most transactions involving Cuba, Iran, Libya, and Sudan are prohibited, as are most imports from North Korea, into the United States or its outlying areas. Lists of entities and individuals subject to economic sanctions are included in OFAC's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons at

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 31

[FAC 2001–16; FAR Case 2002–001; Item VIII]

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Federal Acquisition Regulation; Economic Planning, Employee Morale, and Travel Cost Principles

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) by revising three cost principles regarding economic planning costs; employee morale, health, welfare, food service, and dormitory costs and credits; and travel costs. The changes restructure the paragraphs and remove unnecessary and duplicative language to increase clarity and readability.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 31, 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. Edward Loeb at (202) 501–0650. Please cite FAC 2001–16, FAR case 2002–001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DoD, GSA, and NASA published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** at 67 FR 55686, August 29, 2002, with request for comments. One respondent submitted comments; a discussion of the comments is provided below. Differences between the proposed rule and final rule are discussed in Section B, Comments 1 and 2, below.