

Regulation (FAR) in order to update references and make editorial changes.

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

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List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 8 and 24

Government procurement.

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■ Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 8 and 24 as set forth below:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 8 and 24 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 8—REQUIRED SOURCES OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

■ 2. Amend section 8.404 by revising the first sentence of paragraph (b)(6) to read as follows:

8.404 Using schedules.

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(b) * * *

(6) * * * When conducting evaluations and before placing an order, consider including, if available, one or

more small business, veteran-owned small business, service-disabled veteran-owned small business, HUBZone small business, woman-owned small business, and/or small disadvantaged business schedule contractor(s). * * *

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PART 24—PROTECTION OF PRIVACY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

§ 24.202 [Amended]

■ 3. Amend section 24.202 by—

■ a. Removing the em dash at the end of the introductory text of paragraph (a);

■ b. Removing paragraph (a)(1); and

■ c. Removing paragraph designation “(a)(2)” and the word “Set” and adding “set” in its place.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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48 CFR Chapter 1

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Small Entity Compliance Guide.

SUMMARY: This document is issued under the joint authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services and the Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. This *Small Entity Compliance Guide* has been prepared in accordance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. It consists of a summary of rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2001-16 which amends the FAR. An asterisk (*) next to a rule indicates that a regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain further information regarding these rules by referring to FAC 2001-16 which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the Internet at <http://www.arnet.gov/far>.

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LIST OF RULES IN FAC 2001-16

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
* I	Central Contractor Registration	2002-018	Parnell.
* II	Electronic Commerce in Federal Procurement	1997-304	Davis.
III	Unique Contract and Order Identifier Numbers (Interim)	2002-025	Zaffos.
* IV	Procurements for Defense Against or Recovery From Terrorism or Nuclear, Biological, Chemical or Radiological Attack; and Temporary Emergency Procurement Authority.	2002-026	Zaffos.
V	Notification of Overpayment, Contract Financing Payments	2002-003	
VI	Caribbean Basin Country—Dominican Republic	2001-005	Parnell.
VII	Prohibited Sources	2003-006	Davis.
VIII	Economic Planning, Employee Morale, and Travel Cost Principles	2001-015	Davis
IX	Technical Amendments.	2002-001	Loeb.

Item I—Central Contractor Registration (FAR Case 2002-018)

This final rule amends FAR parts 1, 2, 4, 13, 32, and 52 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 on or after October 1, 2003. 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.

Item II—Electronic Commerce in Federal Procurement (FAR Case 1997-304)

This final rule implements section 850 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1998, Public Law 105-85, and section 810 of the Floyd D. Spence National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001, Public Law 106-398. Section 850

amends titles 10, 15, 40, and 41 of the United States Code to eliminate the preference for electronic commerce within Federal agencies to be conducted on the Federal Acquisition Computer Network (FACNET) computer architecture. Section 810 amends 41 U.S.C. 416 and 15 U.S.C. 637 to allow solicitation notices to be published via a single Governmentwide point of entry on the Internet designated in the FAR or via the Commerce Business Daily (CBD). The objectives of the rule are (1) to