

602.101–70 DOSAR definitions.

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Chief of Mission means the principal officer in charge of a diplomatic mission of the United States or of a United States office abroad which is designated by the Secretary of State as diplomatic in nature, including any individual assigned under section 502(c) of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96–465) to be temporarily in charge of such a mission or office.

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Despatch Agency means the office responsible for the transportation of supplies between the U.S. and posts within its specific geographic area as assigned by the Office of Logistics Operations. There are six Despatch Agencies, one each in Iselin, New Jersey; Baltimore, Maryland; Miami, Florida; Seattle, Washington; Brownsville, Texas; and the European Logistical Support Office in Antwerp, Belgium.

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PART 603—IMPROPER BUSINESS PRACTICES AND PERSONAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

8. Section 603.104–5 is redesignated as section 603.104–4.

9. Section 603.104–10 is redesignated as section 603.104–7. New section 603.104–7 is amended in paragraph (d)(2)(ii)(B) by correcting the citation at the end of the paragraph to read “FAR 3.104–7(d)(2)(ii)(B).”

10. Section 603.204 is amended by revising paragraph (b) to read as set forth below, and by removing paragraph (c):

603.204 Treatment of violations.

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(b) Upon completion of the investigation and/or prosecution or with the consent of the U.S. Department of Justice, the Assistant Inspector General for Investigations shall provide to the Procurement Executive a report, together with all pertinent documentation, concerning the suspected violation. The Office of the Procurement Executive shall provide to the contractor a written notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, presenting the findings, and shall establish a schedule, including location, for an investigative hearing for the purposes described in FAR 3.204(b).

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11. Section 603.601 is amended by adding the following sentence to the end of paragraph (a):

603.601 Policy.

(a) * * * This policy also applies to individuals hired under personal services agreements and personal services contracts.

12. A new Subpart 603.8, consisting of section 603.804, is added to read as follows:

Subpart 603.8—Limitations on the Payment of Funds To Influence Federal Transactions**603.804 Policy.**

(b) The contracting officer shall forward a copy of all contractor disclosures furnished pursuant to the clause at FAR 52.203–12 to the Office of the Legal Adviser, Employment Law, Senior Ethics Counsel (L/EMP/Ethics).

PART 604—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13. Subpart 604.5 is revised to read as follows:

Subpart 604.5—Electronic Commerce in Contracting**604.502 Policy.**

(b) The Assistant Secretary of State for Administration is the head of the agency for the purpose of FAR 4.502(b).

(1)(i) *Posting solicitations for domestic contracting activities.* Contracting officers at domestic contracting activities shall post all open market competitive, unclassified Requests for Proposals and Invitations for Bids exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold on the Internet, unless an exception has been approved by the head of the contracting activity. Contracting officers may post Requests for Quotations and noncompetitive acquisitions if desired. Solicitations shall be posted through the Statebuy Interactive Platform at <https://state.monmouth.army.mil/>. If the SIP is temporarily unavailable (due either to problems with the SIP system or the Internet connections), the solicitation shall be posted on the Governmentwide point of entry (GPE), and immediately posted on the SIP when the SIP again becomes available.

(ii) *Materials not in automated format.* For solicitations containing drawings or other materials that are not in an automated format, the contracting officer shall:

(A) Post as much of the solicitation as possible on the Internet; and,

(B) Make hard copies available for those parts of the solicitation that are not in an automated format.

(iii) *Posting solicitations for overseas contracting activities.* Contracting officers at overseas contracting activities

shall post competitive local guard solicitations on the Internet using the Statebuy Interactive Platform if U.S. firms may be competing. Posting of other solicitations is optional.

Subchapter B—Competition and Acquisition Planning**PART 605—PUBLICIZING CONTRACT ACTIONS**

14. Section 605.202–70 is amended—

(a) By removing “CBD” in the first sentence of paragraph (a);

(b) By adding the words “in the Governmentwide point of entry (GPE)” after the word “notices” in the first sentence of paragraph (a);

(c) By removing “CBD” and inserting “GPE” in its place in the second sentence of paragraph (a);

(c) By removing the date “May 19, 2001” and inserting the date “March 12, 2004” in its place in the last sentence of paragraph (a);

(d) By removing “CBD” and inserting “GPE” in its place in paragraph (b); and,

(e) By revising paragraph (d) to read as follows:

605.202–70 Foreign acquisitions.

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(d) *Policy exclusions.* GPE waiver authority does not apply to local guard service contracts that exceed \$250,000. Local guard service contracts that exceed \$250,000 shall be published in the GPE, as well as any construction contracts exceeding \$5 million. Option year prices shall be included when computing the applicability of this threshold.

15. Section 605.207–70 is amended by removing the word “synopsis” and inserting the word “notice” in its place.

16. Section 605.303 is amended by removing the word “Office” and inserting the word “Bureau” in its place in the first sentence of paragraph (a).

PART 606—COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

17. Section 606.302–6 is amended—

a. By removing the words “Commerce Business Daily” and inserting “GPE” in their place in paragraph (c)(1)(i);

b. By removing the words “CBD synopsis” and inserting “GPE notice” in their place in paragraph (c)(1)(ii); and,

c. By removing the words “Commerce Business Daily” and inserting “GPE” in their place in paragraph (c)(2).

18. Section 606.370 is amended by removing the word “Administrative” and inserting the word “Management” in its place in the third sentence of paragraph (b).

19. Section 606.501 is amended by inserting the following sentence after the first sentence in paragraph (b):