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■ For the reasons stated in the common preamble, the Department of Transportation amends 49 CFR subtitle A, as follows:

■ 1. Part 29 is revised to read as set forth in instruction 1 at the end of the common preamble.

PART 29—GOVERNMENTWIDE DEBARMENT AND SUSPENSION (NONPROCUREMENT)

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29.25 How is this part organized?

29.50 How is this part written?

29.75 Do terms in this part have special meanings?

Subpart A—General

29.100 What does this part do?

29.105 Does this part apply to me?

29.110 What is the purpose of the nonprocurement debarment and suspension system?

29.115 How does an exclusion restrict a person's involvement in covered transactions?

29.120 May we grant an exception to let an excluded person participate in a covered transaction?

29.125 Does an exclusion under the nonprocurement system affect a person's eligibility for Federal procurement contracts?

29.130 Does exclusion under the Federal procurement system affect a person's eligibility to participate in nonprocurement transactions?

29.135 May DOT exclude a person who is not currently participating in a nonprocurement transaction?

29.140 How do I know if a person is excluded?

29.145 Does this part address persons who are disqualified, as well as those who are excluded from nonprocurement transactions?

Subpart B—Covered Transactions

29.200 What is a covered transaction?

29.205 Why is it important to know if a particular transaction is a covered transaction?

29.210 Which nonprocurement transactions are covered transactions?

29.215 Which nonprocurement transactions are not covered transactions?

29.220 Are any procurement contracts included as covered transactions?

29.225 How do I know if a transaction in which I may participate is a covered transaction?

Subpart C—Responsibilities of Participants Regarding Transactions Doing Business With Other Persons

29.300 What must I do before I enter into a covered transaction with another person at the next lower tier?

29.305 May I enter into a covered transaction with an excluded or disqualified person?

29.310 What must I do if a Federal agency excludes a person with whom I am already doing business in a covered transaction?

29.315 May I use the services of an excluded person as a principal under a covered transaction?

29.320 Must I verify that principals of my covered transactions are eligible to participate?

29.325 What happens if I do business with an excluded person in a covered transaction?

29.330 What requirements must I pass down to persons at lower tiers with whom I intend to do business?

Disclosing Information—Primary Tier Participants

29.335 What information must I provide before entering into a covered transaction with DOT?

29.340 If I disclose unfavorable information required under § 29.335, will I be prevented from participating in the transaction?

29.345 What happens if I fail to disclose the information required under § 29.335?

29.350 What must I do if I learn of the information required under § 29.335 after entering into a covered transaction with DOT?

Disclosing Information—Lower Tier Participants

29.355 What information must I provide to a higher tier participant before entering into a covered transaction with that participant?

29.360 What happens if I fail to disclose the information required under § 29.355?

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29.405 May I enter into a covered transaction with a participant if a principal of the transaction is excluded?

29.410 May I approve a participant's use of the services of an excluded person?

29.415 What must I do if a Federal agency excludes the participant or a principal after I enter into a covered transaction?

29.420 May I approve a transaction with an excluded or disqualified person at a lower tier?

29.425 When do I check to see if a person is excluded or disqualified?

29.430 How do I check to see if a person is excluded or disqualified?

29.435 What must I require of a primary tier participant?

29.440 What method do I use to communicate those requirements to participants?

29.445 What action may I take if a primary tier participant knowingly does business with an excluded or disqualified person?

29.450 What action may I take if a primary tier participant fails to disclose the information required under § 29.335?

29.455 What may I do if a lower tier participant fails to disclose the information required under § 29.355 to the next higher tier?

Subpart E—Excluded Parties List System

29.500 What is the purpose of the Excluded Parties List System (EPLS)?

29.505 Who uses the EPLS?

29.510 Who maintains the EPLS?

29.515 What specific information is in the EPLS?

29.520 Who places the information into the EPLS?

29.525 Whom do I ask if I have questions about a person in the EPLS?

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29.620 Do Federal agencies coordinate suspension and debarment actions?

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29.630 May DOT impute the conduct of one person to another?

29.635 May DOT settle a debarment or suspension action?

29.640 May a settlement include a voluntary exclusion?

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29.710 When does a suspension take effect?

29.715 What notice does the suspending official give me if I am suspended?

29.720 How may I contest a suspension?

29.725 How much time do I have to contest a suspension?

29.730 What information must I provide to the suspending official if I contest a suspension?

29.735 Under what conditions do I get an additional opportunity to challenge the facts on which the suspension is based?

29.740 Are suspension proceedings formal?

29.745 How is fact-finding conducted?

29.750 What does the suspending official consider in deciding whether to continue or terminate my suspension?

29.755 When will I know whether the suspension is continued or terminated?

29.760 How long may my suspension last?

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29.805 What notice does the debarring official give me if I am proposed for debarment?

29.810 When does a debarment take effect?

29.815 How may I contest a proposed debarment?

29.820 How much time do I have to contest a proposed debarment?