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**Federal Acquisition Circular 2001–18;
Introduction**

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

ACTION: Summary presentation of final rules and technical amendments and corrections.

SUMMARY: This document summarizes the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) rules agreed to by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council in this Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2001–18. A companion document, the Small Entity Compliance Guide (SECG), follows this FAC. The FAC, including the SECG, is available via the Internet at <http://www.arnet.gov/far>.

DATES: For effective dates and comment dates, see separate documents which follow.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The FAR Secretariat at (202) 501–4755 for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. For clarification of content, contact the analyst whose name appears in the table below in relation to each FAR case or subject area. Please cite FAC 2001–18 and specific FAR case number(s). Interested parties may also visit our Web site at <http://www.arnet.gov/far>.

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I	New Consolidated Form for Selection of Architect-Engineer Contractors	2000–608	Davis.
II	Depreciation Cost Principle	2001–026	Loeb.
III	Federal Procurement Data System	2003–019	Zaffos.
IV	Increased Federal Prison Industries, Inc. Waiver Threshold	2003–001	Nelson.
V	Debarment and Suspension—Order Placement and Option Exercise	2002–010	Goral.
VI	Insurance and Pension Costs	2001–037	Loeb.
VII	Debriefing—Competitive Acquisition	2002–014	Wise.
VIII	Technical Amendments.		

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summaries for each FAR rule follow. For the actual revisions and/or amendments to these

FAR cases, refer to the specific item number and subject set forth in the documents following these item summaries.

FAC 2001–18 amends the FAR as specified below:

Item I—New Consolidated Form for Selection of Architect-Engineer Contractors (FAR Case 2000–608)

This final rule amends the FAR to replace SF 254, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire, and SF 255, Architect-Engineer and Related Services Questionnaire for Specific Projects, with SF 330, Architect-Engineer Qualifications. The SF 330 reflects current architect-engineer practices in a streamlined and updated format and is organized into data blocks that readily support automation. An interagency ad hoc committee developed the SF 330. It was based on the results of a joint Federal-industry survey of the existing SFs 254 and 255 conducted by the Standing Committee on Procurement and Contracting of the Federal Facilities Council (FCC) in 1995 and published in 1996 as FCC Report Number 130, entitled “Survey on the Use of SFs 254 and 255 for Architect-Engineer Qualifications.” The survey’s purpose was to evaluate the current use of the forms, which are used for the submission of qualifications by architect-engineer (A–E) firms interested in Federal contracts, and to identify

possible improvements which would enable the existing forms to better serve the needs of Federal agencies and the A–E industry.

The policies and the SF 330, Architect-Engineer Qualifications, of this final rule are effective for all agencies and their solicitations issued on or after January 12, 2004. However, agencies may delay implementation of this final rule until June 8, 2004, at which time it becomes mandatory for all agencies and their solicitations issued on or after that date. Use of the SF 330 becomes effective January 12, 2004. However, until June 8, 2004, agencies may authorize the continued use of the SFs 254 and 255 instead.

Item II—Depreciation Cost Principle (FAR Case 2001–026)

This final rule amends FAR parts 2 and 31 to revise the depreciation cost principle (FAR 31.205–11) by improving clarity and structure and removing unnecessary and duplicative language. The case was initiated at the request of the Aerospace Industries Association. The rule does not change the allowability of depreciation costs. However, changes have been made that may effect the determination of depreciable costs for tangible personal property; for example, only residual values in excess of 10 percent need be used and residual values need not be recognized when certain depreciation methods are used. This rule is of particular interest to contractors and contracting officers who use cost analysis to price contracts and

modifications, and who determine or negotiate reasonable costs in accordance with a clause of a contract, *e.g.*, price revision of fixed-price incentive contracts, terminated contracts, or indirect cost rates.

Item III—Federal Procurement Data System (FAR Case 2003–019)

This final rule amends the FAR to revise FAR 4.602 to—

- Reflect that the information in FPDS–NG is available to the general public;
- Provide the website for FPDS–NG, which must be entered as <https://www.fpds.gov>;
- Delete the physical address for the Federal Procurement Data Center;
- Allow agencies to report all transactions between \$2,500 and \$25,000 to FPDS–NG as either individual contract actions or summary contract actions until September 30, 2004;
- Require all contract actions over \$2,500 be reported to FPDS–NG as individual contract actions after September 30, 2004;
- Require agencies to insert the provision at 52.204–6, Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) Number, in solicitations when the expected award amount will result in the generation of an individual contract action report and the contract does not include FAR clause 52.204–7, Central Contractor Registration; and
- Eliminate the use of the SF 279, Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS)—Individual Contract Action