



## Weekly Report for August 1, 2014

### **GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS**

#### ***DoD, GSA, and NASA Issue an Interim Rule to Amend FAR: Equal Employment and Affirmative Action for Veterans and Individuals With Disabilities***

The Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement final rules issued by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs at the Department of Labor (DOL) relating to equal opportunity and affirmative action for veterans and individuals with disabilities; [79 Fed. Reg. 43575](#). The interim rule is effective July 25, 2014.

#### ***DoD, GSA, and NASA Issue a Final Rule to Amend FAR: Small Business Protests and Appeals***

The Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement the Small Business Administration's revision of the small business size and small business status protest and appeal procedures; [79 Fed. Reg. 43580](#). The final rule will be effective August 25, 2014.

#### ***DoD, GSA, and NASA Issue a Final Rule to Amend FAR: Allowability of Legal Costs for Whistleblower Proceedings***

The Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) adopted as final, with changes, an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement a section of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013 that addresses the allowability of legal costs incurred by a contractor or subcontractor related to a whistleblower proceeding commenced by the submission of a complaint of reprisal by the contractor or subcontractor employee; [79 Fed. Reg. 43589](#). The final rule is effective July 25, 2014.

#### ***DoD, GSA, and NASA Issue Small Entity Compliance Guide***

The Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued the Small Entity Compliance Guide prepared in accordance with section 212 of the Small Business

Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. It consists of a summary of the rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-76, which amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). Interested parties may obtain further information by visiting <http://www.regulations.gov>. The Small Entity Compliance Guide is effective July 25, 2014.

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

### ***Veteran Institute for Procurement to Conduct Boots to Business: Federal Procurement***

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) will provide support to the Montgomery County Chamber Community Foundation (MCCCF) to provide technical training to veteran-owned businesses seeking federal procurement opportunities. Through a Cooperative Agreement with SBA, the Foundation's National Center for Veteran Institute for Procurement (VIP) will expand and host three training sessions a year (over a twelve month period) to support up to 150 service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB) and veteran-owned small businesses (VOSB) to attend the program. Funding from the SBA will allow the expansion of VIP's market-based training for SDVOSB and VOSBs. VIP is an educational training program for owners, principals and C-level executives of veteran-owned businesses that trains SDVOSBs and VOSBs to compete and comply successfully in the federal marketplace. The three day comprehensive certification program's curriculum is designed for veteran businesses to increase their ability to win government contracts by establishing best business practices; [Veteran Institute for Procurement to Conduct Boots to Business: Federal Procurement](#).

## **SMALL BUSINESS**

### ***SBA to Announce Results of 2013 Small Business Federal Procurement Scorecard***

The Small Business Administration (SBA) will announce the results of the 2013 Small Business Federal Procurement Scorecard on Friday August 1, 2014. The annual Scorecard is an assessment tool that measures how well federal agencies reach their small business and socio-economic prime contracting and subcontracting goals and reports agency-specific progress. The prime and subcontracting component goals include goals for small businesses, small businesses owned by women, small disadvantaged businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses, and small businesses located in Historically Underutilized Business Zones (HUBZones). Every two years, the SBA works with each agency to set their prime and subcontracting goals and their grades are based on the agreed upon goals. Each federal agency has a different small business contracting goal, negotiated biannually in consultation with SBA. SBA ensures that the sum total of all of the goals exceeds the 23 percent target established by law; [SBA to Announce Results of 2013 Small Business Federal Procurement Scorecard](#).

## ***Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled***

### ***The Following Notices Were Issued:***

[79 Fed. Reg. 43443](#), July 25, 2014, issued a notice to add products (Battery Non-Rechargeable, 12.0V Alkaline-Manganese Dioxide Zinc; Non-Rechargeable, 1.5V, Alkaline-Manganese Dioxide; Rechargeable, 1.2V, Nickel-Metal Hydride, PG/4; Rechargeable, 1.2V, Nickel-Metal Hydride, PG/2; NEDA 1168A, Non-Rechargeable, 1.5V, Alkaline-Manganese Dioxide; NEDA 1414A, Non-Rechargeable, 6.0V, Alkaline-Manganese Dioxide; NEDA 5000LC, Non-Rechargeable, 3.0V, Lithium; NEDA 5003LC, Non-Rechargeable, 3.0V, Lithium-Manganese Dioxide; NEDA 5004LC, Non-Rechargeable, 3.0V, Lithium-Manganese Dioxide; NEDA 5011LC, Non-Rechargeable, 3.0V, Lithium; Non-rechargeable, 3.0V, Lithium-Manganese Dioxide; Non-Rechargeable, 3.0V, Lithium Manganese Dioxide; Non-Rechargeable, 6.0V, Lithium-Manganese Dioxide; Non-Rechargeable, 3.0V, Lithium-Manganese Dioxide; Non-Rechargeable, 1.4V, Zinc Air; Non Rechargeable, 3.0V, Lithium Photo; Tissue, Toilet, 1-Ply, White, 96 Rolls; Tissue, Toilet, 2-Ply, 4" x 3.75", White, 96 Rolls) to the Procurement List.

[79 Fed. Reg. 43444](#), July 25, 2014, propose additional services (Assembly, Kitting, Warehousing and Fulfillment Service National Park Service, Interpretation and Education Division 1849 C Street NW., Washington, DC; Custodial Service, FAA, Merrill Field Air Traffic Control Tower, 1950 East Fifth Avenue, Anchorage, AK) and delete a service (Janitorial/Custodial, U.S. Army Reserve Center, 1001 W. DeYoung Street, Marion, IL) from the Procurement List. Comments on the proposed additions and deletion are due August 25, 2014.