

Weekly Update Report for June 6, 2014

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

DoD Issues Proposed Rule to Amend DFARS Service Contract Reporting (DFARS Case 2012-D051)

The Department of Defense (DoD) issued a proposed rule to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement a section of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008, <u>79 Fed. Reg.32522</u>. The rule proposes to require contractors to annually report service contract data at the end of the Government fiscal year or at the end of contract performance, whichever comes first, using an online DoD database. Comments on the proposed rule are due August 4, 2014.

DoD, GSA, and NASA Issue a Final Rule to Amend the FAR Commercial and Government Entity Code

The Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued a final rule to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to require the use of Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) codes, including North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) CAGE (NCAGE) codes for foreign entities, for awards valued at greater than the micropurchase threshold, 79 Fed. Reg. 31187. The CAGE code is a five-character alphanumeric identifier used extensively within the Federal Government. The rule will also require offerors, if owned by another entity, to identify that entity. The final rule will be effective November 1, 2014.

DoD, GSA, and NASA Issue a Final Rule to Amend the FAR Expansion of Applicability of the Senior Executive Compensation Benchmark

The Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued a final rule to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement a section of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2012, 79 Fed. Reg. 31195. This section expands the application of the senior executive compensation benchmark to a broader group of contractor employees on contracts awarded by DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard. The senior

executive compensation benchmark amount limits the reimbursement of contractor employee compensation costs. The final rule is effective May 30, 2014.

DoD, GSA, and NASA Issue a Final Rule to Amend the FAR Contractor Comment Period on Past Performance Evaluations

The Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued a final rule to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement provisions of law that change the period allowed for contractor comments on past performance evaluations and require that past performance evaluations be made available to source selection officials sooner, 79 Fed. Reg. 31197. The final rule will be effective July 1, 2014.

DoD, GSA, and NASA Issue the 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 in accordance with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, 79 Fed. Reg. 31203. It consists of a summary of the rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-74, which amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). Interested parties may obtain further information regarding these rules by referring to FAC 2005-74, which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the Internet at http://www.regulations.gov.

SMALL BUSINESS

SBA Issues Corrections to Amendments to Task and Delivery Order Contracts, Bundling, and Consolidation

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) issued corrections to the final rule published in the Federal Register on October 2, 2013, which amended its regulations governing small business prime contracting by implementing provisions of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, 79 Fed. Reg. 31848. That rule was published with inadvertent errors in two of the regulatory sections, §125.6 and §127.503, which affected the final regulatory text for those sections. Those errors are corrected in this document. The amendments are effective June 3, 2014.

Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

The Following Notice Was Issued:

79 Fed. Reg. 31095, May 30, 2014, proposed to add products (Desktop/Notebook Security Cable, Master-Coded Combination Lock Kit, 20 Lock Kits; Desktop/Notebook Security Cable, Master-Keyed Lock Kit, 10 Lock Kits; Flashlight, Tactical, Lithium-Ion Rechargeable, Multi-color LEDs; Penlight, Tactical-Style, LED, 2 AAA, 5" long; Flashlight, Tactical-Style, LED, 2 AAA, 6" long; Socket Set: \1/4\ Drive Shallow, SAE 6 and 12 Point Fasteners, 10 Pieces; \1/4\ Drive Deep, SAE 6 and 12 Point Fasteners, 10 Pieces; \1/4\ Drive Shallow, SAE 6 and 12 Point Fasteners, 14 Pieces; \3/8\ Drive Shallow, SAE 12 Point Fasteners, 11 Pieces; \3/8\ Drive Deep, SAE 12 Point Fasteners.

13 Pieces; \3/8\ Shallow, SAE 12 Point Fasteners, 18 Pieces; \1/2\ Drive Shallow, SAE 6 and 12 Point Fasteners, 13 Pieces; \1/2\ Drive Deep, SAE 12 Point Fasteners, 13 Pieces; \1/2\ Drive Shallow, SAE 12 Point Fasteners, 17 Pieces) to the Procurement List. Comments on the proposed additions are due June 30, 2014.