Subpart 4.6—Contract Reporting

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4.600 Scope of subpart.
This subpart prescribes uniform reporting requirements for the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS).

4.601 Definitions.
As used in this subpart—

Contract action means any oral or written action that results in the purchase, rent, or lease of supplies or equipment, services, or construction using appropriated dollars over the micro-purchase threshold, or modifications to these actions regardless of dollar value. Contract action does not include grants, cooperative agreements, other transactions, real property leases, requisitions from Federal stock, training authorizations, or other non-FAR based transactions.

Contract action report (CAR) means contract action data required to be entered into the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS).

Definitive contract means any contract that must be reported to FPDS other than an indefinite delivery vehicle. This definition is only for FPDS, and is not intended to apply to Part 16.

Entitlement program means a Federal program that guarantees a certain level of benefits to persons or other entities who meet requirements set by law, such as Social Security, farm price supports, or unemployment benefits.

Generic DUNS number means a DUNS number assigned to a category of vendors not specific to any individual or entity.

Indefinite delivery vehicle (IDV) means an indefinite delivery contract or agreement that has one or more of the following clauses:

1. 52.216-18, Ordering.
2. 52.216-19, Order Limitations.
3. 52.216-20, Definite Quantity.
4. 52.216-21, Requirements.
5. 52.216-22, Indefinite Quantity.
6. Any other clause allowing ordering.

4.602 General.
(a) The FPDS provides a comprehensive web-based tool for agencies to report contract actions. The resulting data provides—

1. A basis for recurring and special reports to the President, the Congress, the Government Accountability Office, Federal executive agencies, and the general public;
2. A means of measuring and assessing the effect of Federal contracting on the Nation’s economy and the extent to which small, veteran-owned small, service-disabled veteran-owned small, HUBZone small, small disadvantaged, women-owned small business concerns, and AbilityOne nonprofit agencies operating under the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act, are sharing in Federal contracts;
3. A means of measuring and assessing the effect of Federal contracting for promoting sustainable technologies, materials, products, and high-performance sustainable buildings. This is accomplished by collecting and reporting agency data on sustainable acquisition, including types of products purchased, the purchase costs, and the exceptions used for other than sustainable acquisition; and
4. A means of measuring and assessing the effect of other policy and management initiatives (e.g., performance based acquisitions and competition).

(b) FPDS does not provide reports for certain acquisition information used in the award of a contract action (e.g., subcontracting data, funding data, or accounting data).

(c) The FPDS Web site, https://www.fpds.gov, provides instructions for submitting data. It also provides—

1. A complete list of departments, agencies, and other entities that submit data to the FPDS;
2. Technical and end-user guidance;
3. A computer-based tutorial; and
4. Information concerning reports not generated in FPDS.


4.603 Policy.
(a) In accordance with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006 (Pub. L. No. 109-