

(ITU) in Geneva, Switzerland from October 23 to November 17, 1995. The FCC Draft U.S. proposals resulting from this proceeding will be considered by the Departments of State and Commerce in forging final U.S. proposals for WRC-95. Final U.S. proposals must be transmitted to the ITU by June 23, 1995.

3. In its request, COMSAT states that it and many other interested parties are now actively participating in preparations for two international meetings taking place later this month relating to WRC preparations; in the Commission's WRC-95 Industry Advisory Committee (IAC); and in preparing comments to the Commission's 2 GHz allocation proceeding.² COMSAT asserts that in view of these activities, and because of the complex nature and significance of the issues posed in the Second Notice of Inquiry, the March 21st deadline does not allow sufficient time for full development of reply comments. In particular, COMSAT notes that it and others are engaged in the U.S. preparations for the Conference Preparatory Meeting (CPM) for WRC-95 that will occur in Geneva from March 22 to April 5, 1995. The CPM will complete a Report to WRC-95 containing technical, operational, and regulatory/procedural information on the WRC-95 agenda items. COMSAT contends that postponing the reply comment deadline until after the CPM's conclusion would enable the parties to incorporate the results of that meeting into their reply comments thereby making them more informative and valuable to the Commission. Finally, COMSAT recognizes that the Commission is under extreme time constraints to draft U.S. proposals in time for negotiation with other government entities. It avers that the requested extension will not disrupt this process nor the IAC's completion of its Final Report due to the Commission on May 1, 1995.

4. Although the Bureau does not routinely grant extension requests, we find that an extension of the reply comment deadline to April 14, 1995 would be beneficial in this proceeding as it would enable the parties to include valuable and potentially critical information learned at the CPM. We ask the parties participating in the CPM to incorporate the results of the meeting into their reply comments and to include, where possible, their views on the likely success of potential U.S. proposals at WRC-95 and where known, the views of foreign delegations. The parties should note, however, that the

Bureau remains committed to complete this proceeding on a timely basis and that no further extensions are contemplated.

5. Accordingly, pursuant to Section 0.261 of the Commission's rules, 47 CFR 0.261, *it is ordered* That the deadline for filing reply comments in response to the Second Notice of Inquiry is extended to April 14, 1995.

Federal Communications Commission.

Scott Blake Harris,

Chief, International Bureau.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 45 and 52

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Government Property

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Revisions to notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: On March 7, 1995 a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 12530) to reschedule the public meetings to discuss the continuing initiative to rewrite the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 45, Government Property, for April 6, 1995, and April 7, 1995. This revision notice is to change the meeting room number and the topics scheduled for discussion at those meetings.

DATES: Public Meetings: The public meetings will be conducted at the address shown below from 12:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time, on April 6, 1995; and from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time, on April 7, 1995.

Statements: Statements from interested parties for presentation at the public meeting should be submitted to the address below on or before April 3, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Draft Materials: Interested parties may obtain drafts of the materials to be discussed at the April 6 and 7 public meetings from Ms. Angelena Moy, PDUSD(A&T)DP/MPI, 1211 S. Fern Street, Room C-109, Arlington, VA 22202-2808.

Statements: Statements from interested parties for presentation at the public meeting should be submitted to Ms. Angelena Moy, PDUSD(A&T)DP/MPI, 1211 S. Fern Street, Room C-109, Arlington, VA 22202-2808.

Public Meeting: The location of the public meeting is 1211 S. Fern Street, Room A-100, Arlington, VA 22202-2808. Individuals wishing to attend the meeting, including individuals wishing

to make presentations on the topics scheduled for discussion, should contact Ms. Angelena Moy, PDUSD(A&T)DP/MPI, 1211 S. Fern Street, Room C-109, Arlington, VA 22202-2808.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Angelena Moy, telephone (703) 604-5387. FAX (703) 604-6709.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On September 16, 1994, (59 FR 47583) the Director of Defense Procurement, Department of Defense, announced an initiative to rewrite the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 45, Government Property, to make it easier to understand and to minimize the burdens imposed on contractors and contracting officers. The Director of Defense Procurement is providing a forum for an exchange of ideas and information with government and industry personnel by holding public meetings, soliciting public comments, and publishing notices of the public meetings in the **Federal Register**.

Interested parties are invited to present statements on the following topics: (1) draft legislation permitting negotiated sales of low value Government property to holding contractors, (2) revisions to FAR 52.245-17, Special Tooling, (3) establishing the value of Government property for the purpose of determining appropriate rental charges, and (4) the definition of sensitive property.

Claudia L. Naugle,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Directorate.

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48 CFR Part 215

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contracting by Negotiation

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Supplement (DFARS) to permit the head of the contracting activity to determine the appropriate level to delegate authority for the approval of second and subsequent rounds of best and final offers for competitive negotiated acquisitions under other than formal source selection.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the

² Notice of Proposed Rule Making in ET Docket No. 95-18, 60 Fed Reg. 11,644 (Mar. 2, 1995).

address shown below on or before May 23, 1995, to be considered in the formulation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Mr. R.G. Layser, PDUSD(A&T)DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax number (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 95-D006 in all correspondence related to this issue.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. R.G. Layser, (703) 602-0131.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This proposed rule was issued to allow the head of the contracting activity to determine the appropriate level to delegate authority for the approval of second and subsequent rounds of best and final offers for competitive negotiated acquisitions under other than formal source selection.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The rule does not constitute a significant DFARS revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577 because this rule only changes internal agency approval procedures.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because this proposed rule does not impose any new recordkeeping, information collection requirements, or collection of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public which require the approval of OMB under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 215

Government procurement.

Claudia L. Naugle,

Deputy Director, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, 48 CFR Part 215 is proposed to be amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for Part 215 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

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2. Section 215.611 is amended by revising paragraph (c)(i)(B) to read as follows:

§ 215.611 Best and final offers.

(c)(i) * * *

(B) The head of the contracting activity (HCA) or designee for all other competitive negotiated acquisitions.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

49 CFR Part 575

[Docket No. 95-19; Notice 1]

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Consumer Information Regulations; Fees for Course Monitoring Tires and for Use of Traction Skid Pads

AGENCY: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Department of Transportation.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM).

SUMMARY: This notice proposes to amend NHTSA's consumer information regulations on uniform tire quality grading by establishing fees for the purchase of treadwear course monitoring tires and for the use of the traction skid pads at NHTSA's Uniform Tire Quality Grading Test Facility in San Angelo, Texas.

DATES: *Comments.* Comments must be received on or before May 23, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should refer to the docket and notice numbers above and be submitted to: Docket Section, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590. Docket hours are 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Clive Van Orden, Office of Vehicle Safety Compliance, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590. (202-366-2830).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 203 of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 directed the Secretary of Transportation to prescribe standards establishing "a uniform quality grading system for motor vehicle tires." Those standards are found at 49 CFR 575.104. For the purpose of aiding consumers in making an informed choice in the purchase of passenger car tires, the standards require motor vehicle and tire manufacturers and tire brand owners to label such tires with information indicating their relative performance in the areas of treadwear, traction, and temperature resistance.

The uniform tire quality grading standards require treadwear performance to be evaluated on a specific roadway course, approximately 400 miles in length, which was established by NHTSA in the vicinity of Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas. The course is designed to produce treadwear rates that are generally representative of those encountered by tires in public use. The standards require manufacturers to correct the projected mileage obtained for tested tires to account for environmental and other variations that occur during testing on the course. This is done by comparing the performance of the tested tires to that of course monitoring tires placed on a vehicle that is part of the same convoy as the vehicles on which the tires being tested are placed. The course monitoring tires are specially manufactured under controlled conditions for NHTSA so that they can be used as a standard for grading the tires being tested. Section 575.104(e)(ii) of the standards states that "the course monitoring tires are made available by the NHTSA at Goodfellow Air Force Base, San Angelo, Tex., for purchase by any persons conducting tests at the test course."

The uniform tire quality grading standards also require that tire traction be "evaluated on skid pads that are established, and whose severity is monitored, by the NHTSA * * *." 49 CFR 575.104(f)(1). As further described in the standards, these test pads are paved with asphalt and concrete surfaces that have specified locked-wheel traction coefficients when evaluated in a manner prescribed in the standards. Two of these traction skid pads have been constructed at NHTSA's Uniform Tire Quality Grading Test Facility in San Angelo. This facility also includes an instrumented vehicle and test trailer, and maintenance support equipment. In addition to this government test facility, traction skid pads have been constructed at several commercial facilities. These include the Transportation Research Center's facility in East Liberty, Ohio, Juan Lopez in Laredo, Texas (formerly the Uniroyal Proving Grounds), Firestone's facility in Fort Stockton, Texas, General Tire's Test Track in Uvalde, Texas, and the Smithers Transportation Test Center in Pecos, Texas. For the purpose of evaluating tire traction, manufacturers are not restricted to the use of the traction skid pads at the government facility in San Angelo, and may use those at any commercial facility.

The Department of Transportation's Office of Inspector General (OIG) recently completed an audit of NHTSA's