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Dated: April 24, 1995.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 4 and 52

[FAC 90-27, FAR Case 92-50, Item I]

RIN 9000-AG41

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Double-Sided Copying

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

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council have agreed to an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to encourage contractors to maximize the use of double-sided copying on recycled paper when submitting documents related to an acquisition. This regulatory action was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

DATES: Effective Date: May 31, 1995.

Comment Date: Comments should be submitted to the FAR Secretariat at the address shown below on or before July 31, 1995 to be considered in the formulation of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to: General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VRS), 18th & F Streets, NW, Room 4035, Attn: Ms Beverly Fayson, Washington, DC 20405.

Please cite FAC 90-27, FAR case 92-50 in all correspondence related to this case.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Ralph DeStefano at (202) 501-1758 in reference to this FAR case. For general information, contact the FAR Secretariat, Room 4037, GS Building, Washington, DC 20405 (202) 501-4755. Please cite FAC 90-27, FAR case 92-50.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Executive Order 12873, Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention, dated October 20, 1993 (58 FR 54911), encourages the use of double-sided copying on recycled paper for documents printed within the Government and under Government contracts.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This interim rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because the requirements under the rule are best efforts requirements. An Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis has, therefore, not been performed. Comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments must be submitted separately and cite 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* (FAC 90-27, FAR Case 92-50), in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FAR do not impose recordkeeping or 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.*

D. Determination to Issue an Interim Rule

A determination has been made under the authority of the Secretary of Defense (DOD), the Administrator of General Services (GSA), and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) that compelling reasons exist to promulgate this interim rule without prior opportunity for public comment. This action is necessary because the rule implements Executive Order 12873, which required FAR revisions by April 18, 1994. However, pursuant to Public Law 98-577 and FAR 1.501, public comments received in response to this interim rule will be considered in the formation of the final rule.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 4 and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: May 24, 1995.

C. Allen Olson,

Director, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy.

Therefore, 48 CFR Parts 4 and 52 are amended as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 4 and 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

PART 4—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Section 4.000 is revised to read as follows:

4.000 Scope of part.

This part prescribes policies and procedures relating to the administrative aspects of contract execution, contractor-submitted paper documents, distribution, reporting, retention, and files.

3. Subpart 4.3 is added to read as follows:

Subpart 4.3—Paper Documents

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- 4.300 Scope of subpart.
- 4.301 Authority.
- 4.302 Definition.
- 4.303 Policy.
- 4.304 Contract clause.

Subpart 4.3—Paper Documents

4.300 Scope of subpart.

This subpart provides policies and procedures on contractor-submitted paper documents.

4.301 Authority.

The authority for this subpart is established in Executive Order 12873, Sections 402(d) and 504, October 20, 1993.

4.302 Definition.

Printing/copying double-sided, as used in this subpart, means printing or reproducing a document so that information is on both sides of a sheet of paper.

4.303 Policy.

It is the policy of the Government that a contractor submitting paper documents to the Government relating to an acquisition should, if possible, submit those documents printed/copied double-sided on recycled paper. If the contractor can only print/copy double-sided or use recycled paper, the contractor should accomplish whichever one the contractor has the ability to achieve.

4.304 Contract clause.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 52.204-4, Printing/Copying Double-Sided on Recycled Paper, in solicitations and contracts.

PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

4. Section 52.204 is added to read as follows:

52.204-4 Printing/Copying Double-Sided on Recycled Paper.

As prescribed in 4.304, insert the following clause:

PRINTING/COPYING DOUBLE-SIDED ON RECYCLED PAPER (MAY 1995)

(a) In accordance with Executive Order 12873, dated October 20, 1993, the Offeror/Contractor is encouraged to submit paper documents, such as offers, letters, or reports, that are printed/copied double-sided on recycled paper that has at least 20% postconsumer material.

(b) The 20% standard applies to high-speed copier paper, offset paper, forms bond, computer printout paper, and carbonless paper. A higher standard of 50% recovered material, with 20% postconsumer material, applies to other uncoated printing and writing papers such as writing and office paper, book paper, cotton fiber paper, and cover stock. An alternative standard for either of the standards specified in this clause is 50% recovered material content of certain industrial by-products.

(End of clause)

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Parts 7, 10, 11, 15, 23, 36, 42, and 52**

[FAC 90-27, FAR Case 92-54, Item II]

RIN 9000-AG40

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Environmentally Preferable Products

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

ACTION: Interim rule with request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council have agreed to an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to incorporate policies for the acquisition

of environmentally preferable and energy-efficient products and services. This regulatory action was subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

DATES: Effective Date: May 31, 1995.

Comment Date: Comments should be submitted to the FAR Secretariat at the address shown below on or before July 31, 1995. To be considered in the formulation of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to: General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (VRS), 18th & F Streets, NW, Room 4035, Attn: Ms. Beverly Fayson, Washington, DC 20405.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

This interim rule implements the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) (42 U.S.C. 6901, *et seq.*); Executive Order 12873, Federal Acquisition, Recycling, and Waste Prevention (58 FR 54911, October 22, 1993); and Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) Policy Letter 92-4, Procurement of Environmentally-Sound and Energy-Efficient Products and Services (57 FR 53362, November 9, 1992).

The rule amends FAR Parts 7, 10, 11, 15, 23, 36, 42, and 52 to clearly reflect the Government's preference for the acquisition of environmentally-sound and energy-efficient products and services and to establish an affirmative procurement program favoring items containing the maximum practicable content of recovered materials. Definitions of "new" and "other than new" are added at 10.001, in the clauses at 52.210-5 and 52.210-7, and in the provision at 52.210-6. A new provision and clause are added at 52.223-8 and 52.223-9 requiring offerors and contractors to provide information regarding the percentage of recovered materials in certain items proposed for use and actually used in contract performance. A new clause is added at 52.223-10 requiring contractors operating Government-owned or leased facilities to establish cost-effective waste reduction programs.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This interim rule may have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, because the rule establishes a preference for the acquisition of environmentally-sound and energy-efficient products and services and requires that contracts for certain items specify minimum percentages of recovered material content. An Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) has been prepared and will be provided to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy for the Small Business Administration. A copy of the IRFA may be obtained from the FAR Secretariat. Comments are invited. Comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments must be submitted separately and cite 5 U.S.C. 601, *se seq.* (FAC 90-27, FAR Case 92-54), in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L. 96-511) is deemed to apply because the interim rule contains information collection requirements. Accordingly, a request for approval of a new information collection requirement concerning environmentally sound products was submitted to the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.* Public comments concerning this request were invited through a **Federal Register** notice published at 59 FR 60357, November 23, 1994.

D. Determination to Issue an Interim Rule

A determination has been made under the authority of the Secretary of Defense (DOD), the Administrator of General Services (GSA), and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) that compelling reasons exist to promulgate this interim rule without prior opportunity for public comment. This action is necessary because Executive Order 12873 required implementation and incorporation of its policies into the FAR by April 18, 1994. However, pursuant to Public Law 98-577 and FAR 1.501, public comments received in response to this interim rule will be considered in the formation of the final rule.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 7, 10, 11, 15, 23, 36, 42, and 52

Government procurement.