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48 CFR Part 5

[FAC 90-32; FAR Case 95-606; Item VI]

RIN 9000-AG60

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Publicizing Contract Actions

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council have agreed to a final rule to revise FAR section 5.207(b)(4), Preparation and transmittal of synopses. The revision deletes the requirement for the Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) Number in Commerce Business Daily synopses and, in lieu thereof, requests Government Printing Office (GPO) Billing Account Code information.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph De Stefano 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 90-32, FAR case 95-606, Publicizing Contract Actions.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

For approximately 45 years, the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) has provided free printing services to the agencies. During this period, printing expenses were paid with appropriated funds. Beginning October 1, 1995, the CBD will no longer receive appropriated funds for this purpose, and the Department of Commerce will be required to charge agencies a fee for printing services. The cost will be a flat rate of \$18 per notice and bills will be sent to the agency that issues the notice. The Government Printing Office (GPO) has agreed to provide billing and collection services and, in order to facilitate this, agencies will need to include their GPO account number in all CBD notices. The proposed changes to the FAR will enable GPO to properly bill and collect from the individual agency that has placed a CBD notice.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The final rule does not constitute a significant FAR revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577 and publication for public comment is not required. Therefore, the Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610 of the Act. Such comments must be submitted separately and cite FAR case 95-606 in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L. 96-511) does not apply because this final rule imposes no new reporting requirements or collections 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 5

Government procurement.

Dated: September 7, 1995.

C. Allen Olson,
Director, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy.

Therefore, 48 CFR Part 5 is amended as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 5 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).

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2. Section 5.207 is amended by revising paragraph (b)(4), Item 4, and paragraph (b)(6), Item 4, to read as follows:

5.207 Preparation and transmittal of synopses.

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4. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE (GPO) BILLING ACCOUNT CODE.

(The originating office's account number used by the GPO for billing and collection purposes. The field length is nine alpha-numeric characters. The first three characters entered are "GPO" and then the following six characters are the numeric account number. Agencies should contact the GPO's Office of Comptroller for additional information. Enter N/A if an account number has not been assigned.)

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48 CFR Parts 28, 32, and 52

[FAC 90-32; FAR Case 94-762; Item VII]

RIN 9000-AG35

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Subcontractor Payments

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule is issued pursuant to the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, Public Law 103-355 (the Act). The Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council is amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement Sections 2091 and 8105 of the Act which address subcontractor payments, requests for information, and bonds. This regulatory action was subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John S. Galbraith, Finance/Payment Team Leader, at (703) 697-6710, 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 90-32, FAR case 94-762.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act of 1994, Pub. L. 103-355 (the Act), provides authorities that streamline the acquisition process and minimize burdensome government-unique requirements.

This notice announces revisions developed under FAR case 94-762. The following sections of the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act are implemented by this final rule:

Section 2091 of the Act changed section 806, subsection (c), of the Fiscal Years 1992 and 1993 Defense Authorization Act by striking the existing subsection (c) and inserting a