

isolating and avoiding custom-designed components of the system.

(c) The characteristics of an increment may vary depending upon the type of information technology being acquired and the nature of the system being developed. The following factors may be considered:

(1) To promote compatibility, the information technology acquired through modular contracting for each increment should comply with common or commercially acceptable information technology standards when available and appropriate, and shall conform to the agency's master information technology architecture.

(2) The performance requirements of each increment should be consistent with the performance requirements of the completed, overall system within which the information technology will function and should address interface requirements with succeeding increments.

(d) For each increment, contracting officers shall choose an appropriate contracting technique that facilitates the acquisition of subsequent increments. Pursuant to Parts 16 and 17 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations, contracting officers shall select the contract type and method appropriate to the circumstances (e.g., indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contracts, single contract with options, successive contracts, multiple awards, task order contracts). Contract(s) shall be structured to ensure that the Government is not required to procure additional increments.

(e) To avoid obsolescence, a modular contract for information technology should, to the maximum extent practicable, be awarded within 180 days after the date on which the solicitation is issued. If award cannot be made within 180 days, agencies should consider cancellation of the solicitation in accordance with 48 CFR 14.209 or 15.206(e). To the maximum extent practicable, deliveries under the contract should be scheduled to occur within 18 months after issuance of the solicitation.

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48 CFR Parts 1, 44, and 52

[FAC 97-04; Item XVI]

Federal Acquisition Regulations; Technical Amendments

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

ACTION: Technical amendments.

SUMMARY: This document makes amendments to Federal Acquisition Regulations in order to update references, and make editorial changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 23, 1998.

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List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1, 44 and 52

Government procurement.

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Therefore, 48 CFR Parts 1, 44 and 52 are amended as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 1, 44 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 1—FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM

1.201-1 [Amended]

1. Section 1.201-1 is amended in paragraph (b)(2) by adding "Social Security Administration," after "Agency,".

PART 44—SUBCONTRACTING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

44.204 [Amended]

2. Section 44.204 is amended at the end of paragraph (b) by removing "See also 44.205."

PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.219-1 [Amended]

3. Section 52.219-1 is amended by revising the date of the provision to read "(FEB 1998)", and in the parentheticals of paragraphs (b)(2) and (b)(3) by removing "block (b)(1) of this section" and adding "paragraph (b)(1) of this provision".

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48 CFR Chapter 1

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide

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

ACTION: Small Entity Compliance Guide.

SUMMARY: This document is issued under the joint authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration as the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Council. This *Small Entity Compliance Guide* has been prepared in accordance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-121). It consists of a summary of the rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 97-04 which amends the FAR. The rules marked with an asterisk (*) are those for which a final regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 604. Further information regarding these rules may be obtained by referring to FAC 97-04 which precedes this document. This document may be obtained from the Internet at <http://www.arnet.gov/far>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The FAR Secretariat, (202) 501-4755. For clarification of content, contact the analyst whose name appears in the table below.

LIST OF RULES IN FAC 97-04

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I	Use of Data Universal Numbering System as the Primary Contractor Identification	95-307	Moss.