

shall have no further input or contact with the parties or other Board members in subsequent Board activities (ref. the Administrative Dispute Resolution Act, 5 U.S.C. 571-583; and, Federal Acquisition Regulation, Subpart 33.2).

(d) The Department of Veterans Affairs and contractors are also encouraged to use ADR in disputes appealed to the VABCA.

PART 852—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

Subpart 852.2—Texts of Provisions and Clauses

11. Section 852.233-70 is revised to read as follows:

§ 852.233-70 Protest content.

As prescribed in 833.106 of this chapter, insert the following provision in each solicitation where the total value of all contract awards under the solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold:

Protest Content (Jan 1998)

(a) Any protest filed by an interested party shall:

- (1) Include the name, address, fax number, and telephone number of the protester;
- (2) Identify the solicitation and/or contract number;
- (3) Include an original signed by the protester or the protester's representative, and at least one copy;
- (4) Set forth a detailed statement of the legal and factual grounds of the protest, including a description of resulting prejudice to the protester, and provide copies of relevant documents;
- (5) Specifically request a ruling of the individual upon whom the protest is served;
- (6) State the form of relief requested; and
- (7) Provide all information establishing the timeliness of the protest.

(b) Failure to comply with the above may result in dismissal of the protest without further consideration.

(End of Provision)

12. Section 852.233-71 is added to read as follows:

§ 852.233-71 Alternate Protest Procedure.

As prescribed in 833.106 of this chapter, insert the following provision in each solicitation where the total value of all contract awards under the solicitation is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold:

Alternate Protest Procedure (Jan 1998)

As an alternative to filing a protest with the contracting officer, an interested party may file a protest with the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management, Acquisition Administration Team, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20420, or, for solicitations issued by the

Office of Facilities Management, the Chief Facilities Management Officer, Office of Facilities Management, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. The protest will not be considered if the interested party has a protest on the same or similar issues pending with the contracting officer.

§ 852.236-73 [Removed]

13. Section 852.236-73 is removed.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 1842

Revisions to the NASA FAR Supplement on Contract Administration and Audit Services

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This is a final rule to amend the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to make minor editorial changes in Part 1842, Contract Administration. These changes result from revisions to FAR Part 42 in Federal Acquisition Circular 97-04, and include new section titles and numbering.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 31, 1998.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Federal Acquisition Circular 97-04, published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1998, contained several changes in section titles and numbering which required changes in the NFS to maintain its consistency with the FAR. These changes include a new title for Part 1842, Contract Administration and Audit Services, and several changes in numbering and titles in Subpart 1842.1, Contract Audit Services, and Subpart 1842.2, Contract Administration Services.

Impact

NASA certifies that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small business entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). This final rule does not impose any reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 1842

Government procurement.

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Accordingly, 48 CFR Part 1842 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 1842 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1).

PART 1842—CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION

2-3. Part heading "Part 1842—Contract Administration" is revised to read "Part 1842—Contract Administration and Audit Services".

Subpart 1842.1 [Amended]

4. Subpart heading "Subpart 1842.1 Interagency Contract Administration and Audit Services" is revised to read "Subpart 1842.1 Contract Audit Services".

1842.101 [Amended]

5. In section 1842.101, the section heading "1842.101 Policy" is revised to read "1842.101 Contract audit responsibilities."

1842.102 [Amended]

6. In section 1842.102, the section heading "1842.102 Procedures" is revised to read "1842.102 Assignment of contract audit services."

Subpart 1842.2 [Amended]

7. Subpart heading "Subpart 1842.2 Assignment of Contract Administration" is revised to read "Subpart 1842.2 Contract Administration Services".

1842.203 [Amended]

8. Section 1842.203 is redesignated as section 1842.202-70.

1842.202-70 [Amended]

9. In the newly designated section 1842.202-70, paragraphs (a) (i) through (v) are redesignated as paragraphs (a) (1) through (5).

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 1852

Revision to NASA FAR Supplement Clause—Submission of Vouchers for Payment

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.