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Dated: August 6, 1998.

**Matthew Hale,**

Acting Director, Office of Solid Waste.  
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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**48 CFR Parts 1827 and 1852**

**Reportable Item Definition**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** This is a proposed rule to conform the two NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) definitions of "reportable item" the same and to improve their clarity by adding examples.

**DATES:** Comments should be submitted on or before October 13, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties should submit written comments to: Tom O'Toole, NASA Headquarters Office of Procurement, Contract Management

Division (Code HK), Washington, DC 20546. Comments may also be submitted by email to thomas.otoole@hq.nasa.gov.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom O'Toole, (202) 358-0478.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

The NFS has two definitions of "reportable Item"—in section 1827.301, Definitions, and the clause at 1852.227-70, New Technology. These definitions vary slightly, and this rule proposes to conform these definitions by using the version at 1827.301 as a baseline. Other minor adjustments are made to cite appropriate USC titles and add examples of reportable items.

**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.*) since the changes are editorial clarifications and do not impose any new requirements on offerors or contractors. The rule does not impose any reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act.

**List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1827 and 1852**

Government procurement.

**Tom Luedtke,**

Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement.

Accordingly, 48 CFR Parts 1827 and 1852 are proposed to be amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 1827 and 1852 continues to read as follows:

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

**PART 1827—PATENTS, DATA, AND COPYRIGHTS**

2. Section 1827.301 is amended by revising the definition of "reportable item" to read as follows:

**1827.301 Definitions.**

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*Reportable item*, as used in this subpart, means any invention, discovery, improvement, or innovation of the contractor, whether or not patentable or copyrightable or otherwise protectible under Titles 17 or 35 of the United States Code, made in the performance of any work under any NASA contract or in the performance of any work that is reimbursable under any clause in any NASA contract providing for reimbursement of costs incurred

before the effective date of the contract. Reportable items also include new processes, machines, manufactures, compositions of matter, and computer programs, and improvements to, or new applications of, existing processes, machines, manufactures, compositions of matter, and computer programs.

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**PART 1852—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES**

3. Section 1852.227-70 is amended by revising the clause date and the definition of "reportable item" in paragraph (a) of the clause to read as follows:

**1852.227-70 New technology.**

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**New Technology**

(a) \* \* \*

*Reportable item*, as used in this subpart, means any invention, discovery, improvement, or innovation of the contractor, whether or not patentable or copyrightable or otherwise protectible under Titles 17 or 35 of the United States Code, made in the performance of any work under any NASA contract or in the performance of any work that is reimbursable under any clause in any NASA contract providing for reimbursement of costs incurred before the effective date of the contract. Reportable items also include new processes, machines, manufactures, compositions of matter, and computer programs, and improvements to, or new applications of, existing processes, machines, manufactures, compositions of matter, and computer programs.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**50 CFR Part 17**

**Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Notice of Availability of Protocol for Surveying for the Endangered Cactus Ferruginous Pygmy-Owl; Opening of Public Comment Period on Survey Protocol**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability; Opening of Public Comment Period.

**SUMMARY:** The Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), in cooperation with the Arizona Game and Fish Department (Department), announces the availability for public comment of survey protocol for determining the