

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577 and publication for public comment is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should cite DFARS Case 98-D001.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the final rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 232

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, 48 CFR Part 232 is amended as follows:

PART 232—CONTRACT FINANCING

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 232 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

2. Section 232.905 is amended by revising paragraph (f)(6) to read as follows:

232.905 Invoice payments.

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(f)(6) DoD Manual 4000.25-5-M, Military Standard Contract Administration Procedures (MILSCAP), authorizes electronic notification to the payment office of Government acceptance or approval, as appropriate.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**48 CFR Parts 235 and 253**

[DFARS Case 97-D030]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Short Form Research Contract

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to remove obsolete guidance pertaining to short form research

contracts with educational institutions and nonprofit organizations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Michael Pelkey, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, PDUSD (A&T) DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0131; telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 97-D030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

This final rule removes obsolete guidance at DFARS 235.015-71, and associated DD Forms 2222, 2222-1, and 2222-2, pertaining to short form research contracts. DoD now uses the streamlined procedures in DFARS Subpart 235.70 for research and development contracting.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

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C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the final rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 235 and 253

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, 48 CFR Parts 235 and 253 are amended as follows:

PART 235—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTING

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 235 and 253 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

§ 235.015-71 [Removed]

2. Section 235.015-71 is removed.

PART 253—FORMS [AMENDED]

3. The note at the end of Part 253 is amended by removing the entries at

253.303-2222, 253.303-2222-1, and 253.303-2222-2.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**48 CFR Part 236**

[DFARS Case 98-D313]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Architectural and Engineering Services and Construction Design

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement Section 2801 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999. Section 2801 increases, from \$300,000 to \$500,000, the threshold at which notice to Congress is required before the award of a contract for architect-engineer services or construction design.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**A. Background**

This final rule amends DFARS 236.601 to implement Section 2801 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261). Section 2801 amends 10 U.S.C. 2807(b) to increase the dollar threshold for Congressional notification prior to award of a contract for architect-engineer services or construction design.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

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