

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Parts 45 and 52**

[FAR Case 95-013]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Government Property**

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: A public meeting is being held to discuss replacing the property management concepts contained in the proposed rule published at 62 FR 30186, June 2, 1997, with commercial practices and to discuss other changes stemming from public comments on that rule.

DATES: Public Meeting: A public meeting will be conducted at the address shown below from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., local time, on May 18 and, if needed, May 19, 1999.

Discussion Materials: Drafts of the materials to be discussed at the public

meeting will be available electronically (<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/mpi/>) on or about May 4, 1999. Please contact Ms. Angelena Moy (see contact information below) for additional information.

ADDRESSES: The location of the public meeting is VSE Corporation, 2550 Huntington Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22303.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Angelena Moy by e-mail (moyac@acq.osd.mil) or telephone (703) 695-1097/1098, or fax (703) 695-7596.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

A proposed rule to revise Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Part 45 to simplify the management and disposition of Government property was published in the **Federal Register** at 62 FR 30186, June 2, 1997. A public meeting was conducted on February 17, 1998, to address comments received on that rule. As a result of the public comments and to consider additional commercial property management practices, four significant changes to, and a restructuring of, the June 2, 1997, proposed rule are being considered:

1. The requirement that contractors have or maintain specified Government

property management processes is replaced by a general requirement to use sound business practices to control, protect, and maintain Government property.

2. Consistent with comparable commercial practice, contractors shall return property furnished for performance of a contract to the Government in the same condition, less reasonable wear and tear, as when the property was furnished to the contractor.

3. Generally, contractors are liable for loss, theft, or destruction of, or damage to, Government-furnished property.

4. Under cost-reimbursement or time-and-materials contracts, contractors will have title to certain low value special tooling and special test equipment.

The public meeting will provide a forum to discuss the public's views of these new commercial property management concepts.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 45 and 52

Government procurement.

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