

Dated: June 8, 1999.
Eleanor R. Spector,
Director, Defense Procurement.

Dated: June 7, 1999.
Ida M. Ustad,
Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of
Acquisition Policy General Services
Administration.

Dated: May 27, 1999.
Tom Luedtke,
Acting Associate Administrator for
Procurement National Aeronautics and Space
Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 1, 4, 13, 14, 15, and 52

[FAC 97-12; FAR Case 97-003; Item I]

RIN 9000-A114

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Taxpayer Identification Numbers

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

ACTION: Interim rule adopted as final
without change.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency
Acquisition Council and the Defense
Acquisition Regulations Council have
agreed to adopt the interim rule
published in the **Federal Register** at 63
FR 58587, October 30, 1998, as a final
rule without change. The rule amends
the Federal Acquisition Regulation
(FAR) to implement Subsection (i) of the
Debt Collection Improvement Act of
1996 and Section 1022 of the Taxpayer
Relief Act of 1997, and to clarify the
Government requirements for reporting
contract and payment information to the
Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 17, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The
FAR Secretariat, Room 4035, GS
Building, Washington, DC, 20405, (202)
501-4755, for information pertaining to
status or publication schedules. For
clarification of content, contact Mr.
Jeremy F. Olson, Procurement Analyst,
at (202) 501-3221. Please cite FAC 97-
12, FAR case 97-003.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DoD, GSA, and NASA published an
interim FAR rule in the **Federal Register**
on October 30, 1998 (63 FR 58587), and
received no public comments.

Therefore, we converted the interim rule
to a final rule without change.

The interim rule implemented
Subsection (i) of the Debt Collection
Improvement Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-
134) and Section 1022 of the Taxpayer
Relief Act of 1997 (Pub. L. 105-32).
Subsection (i) amended 31 U.S.C. 7701
by requiring each contractor doing
business with the Government to
furnish its Taxpayer Identification
Number (TIN) and by requiring the
Government to disclose its intent to use
such number for purposes of collecting
and reporting on any delinquent
amounts. Section 1022 amended 26
U.S.C. 6041A(d) to add payments for
services provided by corporations to the
list of payments that the Government is
required to report to the IRS using Form
1099.

In addition, the interim rule clarified
the requirement for Government
agencies to obtain contract information
and payment information to facilitate
issuance of Forms 1099 and other
reports to the IRS. The rule deleted the
FAR clauses at 52.214-2, Type of
Business Organization—Sealed Bidding,
and 52.215-4, Type of Business
Organization, since the information
requested in these clauses duplicates
the information requested in FAR
8.405-2(q), Taxpayer Identification
Number, and FAR clauses 52.204-3,
Taxpayer Identification, and 52.212-3,
Offeror Representations and
Certifications Commercial Items.

This regulatory action was not subject
to Office of Management and Budget
review under Executive Order 12866,
dated September 30, 1993, and is not a
major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of Defense, the
General Services Administration, and
the National Aeronautics and Space
Administration certify that this final
rule will not have a significant
economic impact on a substantial
number of small entities within the
meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility
Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because the
rule merely clarifies an existing
requirement for contractors to submit
TINs, and requires the Government to
advise contractors of the potential debt
collection usage of the TIN.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does
not apply because the changes to the

FAR do not impose 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 1, 4, 13, 14, 15, and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: June 9, 1999.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

Interim Rule Adopted as Final Without Change

Accordingly, DoD, GSA, and NASA
adopt the interim rule amending 48 CFR
parts 1, 4, 13, 14, 15, and 52, which was
published at 63 FR 58587, October 30,
1998, as a final rule without change.

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 10 U.S.C.
chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

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48 CFR Parts 11, 37, and 52

[FAC 97-12; FAR Case 96-018; Item II]

RIN 9000-AH85

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Use of Brand Name Item Descriptions

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency
Acquisition Council and the Defense
Acquisition Regulations Council (the
Councils) have agreed on a final rule
amending the Federal Acquisition
Regulation (FAR) to clarify guidance for
the use of brand name purchase
descriptions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 16, 1999.

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Victoria Moss, Procurement Analyst, at
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FAR case 96-018.

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