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3. *If by print only:* Anyone who is unable to submit a comment in electronic form should submit an original and fifteen paper copies by hand or by mail to the appropriate address listed above. It may not be feasible for the Office to place these comments on its website.

All written comments (in electronic or nonelectronic form) should contain the name of the person making the submission, his or her title and organization (if the submission is on behalf of an organization), mailing address, telephone number, telefax number (if any) and e-mail address (if any). All written comments must at a minimum contain the name of the person making the submission.

The Office has already received some comments designated as "reply comments." Persons submitting comments should note that a comment should not be designated as a "reply comment" unless submitted in response to one or more initial comments made by other persons. Moreover, reply comments, which are now due on March 20, 2000, should not be submitted until after the February 17, 2000 deadline for submission of initial comments.

Dated: February 8, 2000.

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*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### 48 CFR Part 215

#### Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Profit Policy

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Advance notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Director of Defense Procurement is soliciting comments from both government and industry personnel regarding potential changes to the profit policy specified in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS). The changes would increase the emphasis placed on technical risk as a factor in developing objective profit amounts. DoD will conduct a public meeting to discuss the potential changes as well as the comments received in response to this notice.

**DATES:** *Public Meeting:* The public meeting will be conducted at the address shown below on February 23, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., local time.

*Submission of Names of Expected Attendees:* The names of individuals expected to attend the public meeting should be submitted to the point of contact shown below no later than February 18, 2000, 4:00 p.m., local time.

*Submission of Comments:* Written comments on the potential DFARS changes should be submitted to the address shown below no later than February 17, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** *Public Meeting:* The public meeting will be conducted at the Headquarters, Defense Logistics Agency, Command Conference Room (Room 2419), 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

*Submission of Names of Expected Attendees:* The names of individuals expected to attend the public meeting should be submitted to Mr. Robert Bemben, by telephone, FAX, mail, or e-mail at the phone number or address specified below. Walk-in attendance will be accommodated. However, pre-registration is desired, as the names of pre-registrants will be provided to building security to facilitate building access.

*Submission of Comments:* Interested parties should submit written comments to: Mr. Robert Bemben, PDUSD (AT&L) DP/CPF, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060. E-mail comments should be sent to [bembenrj@acq.osd.mil](mailto:bembenrj@acq.osd.mil). Comments should be accompanied by supporting rationale for any proposed changes.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Robert Bemben, by telephone at (703) 695-9764; by FAX at (703) 693-9616; or by e-mail at [bembenrj@acq.osd.mil](mailto:bembenrj@acq.osd.mil).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### A. Draft Materials

The potential changes to the DFARS are available in draft form electronically in Microsoft Word 6.0 text format at the Cost, Pricing, and Finance Office

Internet Home Page: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/cpf>.

**Note:** The draft changes do not reflect a proposed rule; they are provided for information and discussion purposes only.

Paper copies may be obtained from the point of contact specified herein.

#### B. Background

Section 813 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-65) directed the Secretary of Defense to review the DoD profit guidelines to consider whether appropriate modifications, such as placing increased emphasis on technical risk as a factor for determining appropriate profit margins, would provide an increased profit incentive for contractors to develop and produce complex and innovative new technologies.

Section 813 further required the Secretary of Defense to make any changes to the profit guidelines that the Secretary determines to be necessary and to report to Congress on the results of the review.

A review of the DoD profit policy has identified potential changes to the DFARS that would increase the emphasis placed on technical risk as a factor in developing objective profit amounts. The purpose of this notice is to provide the public with a preliminary indication of changes under consideration, and to solicit comments and suggestions on those changes. After consideration of the comments submitted in writing and those offered at the public meeting, the Director of Defense Procurement may submit a draft proposed rule to the Defense Acquisition Regulations (DAR) Council for consideration. The DAR Council will publish any resulting proposed rule for additional public comments.

**Michele P. Peterson,**

*Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### 48 CFR Part 252

[DFARS Case 99-D025]

#### Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Drawings, Maps, and Specifications

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Director of Defense Procurement is proposing to