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**48 CFR Part 19**

[FAC 2001-01, FAR Case 2001-001; Item VI]

RIN 9000-AJ16

**Federal Acquisition Regulation; Very Small Business Pilot Program**

**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 (Councils) have agreed on a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) by extending, for three additional years, the Very Small Business Pilot Program until September 30, 2003. This rule implements section 503(c) of the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000 (part of Public Law 106-554).

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* December 21, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The FAR Secretariat, Room 4035, GS Building, Washington, DC, 20405, at (202) 501-4755 for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. For clarification of content, contact Ms. Rhonda Cundiff, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501-0044. Please cite FAC 2001-01, FAR case 2001-001

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

This final rule amends paragraph (c) of section 19.901 to implement section 503(c) of the Small Business

Reauthorization Act of 2000 (part of Public Law 106-554). Section 503(c) amends Section 304 of Public Law 103-403 (15 U.S.C. 644 **note**) to extend the pilot program through September 30, 2003. The purpose of the program is to improve access to Government contract opportunities for concerns that are substantially below SBA's size standards by reserving certain acquisitions for competition among such concerns. This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under Section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

**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, the Councils will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR Part in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Interested parties must submit such comments separately and should cite 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* (FAC 2001-01, FAR case 2001-001), in correspondence.

**C. Paperwork Reduction Act**

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

**List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 19**

Government Procurement.

Dated: October 12, 2001.

**Al Matera,**

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Therefore, DoD, GSA and NASA amend 48 CFR part 19 as set forth below:

**PART 19—VERY SMALL BUSINESS PILOT PROGRAM**

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 19 continues to read as follows:

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

**LIST OF RULES IN FAC 2001-01**

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I .....	*Application of the Davis-Bacon Act to Construction Contracts With Options to Extend the Term of the Contract.	1997-613	Nelson.
II .....	Acquisition of Commercial Items .....	2000-303	Moss.
III .....	Prompt Payment Under Cost-Reimbursement Contracts for Services (Interim).	2000-308	Olson.
IV .....	Veterans' Employment .....	1998-614	Nelson.
V .....	*Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (Interim).	2000-302	Cundiff.

**19.901 [Amended]**

2. Amend section 19.901 in the first sentence of paragraph (c) by removing "2000" and adding "2003" in its place.

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**48 CFR Chapter 1**

**Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide**

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

**ACTION:** Small Entity Compliance Guide.

**SUMMARY:** This document is issued under the joint authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services and the Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. This *Small Entity Compliance Guide* has been prepared in accordance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-121). It consists of a summary of rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2001-01 which amend the FAR. An asterisk (\*) next to a rule indicates that a regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 604. Interested parties may obtain further information regarding these rules by referring to FAC 2001-01 which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the Internet at <http://www.arnet.gov/far>.

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