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48 CFR Parts 5, 12, 19, 23, 52, and 53

[FAC 2001-02; FAR Case 2000-604; Item VII]

RIN 9000-A175

Federal Acquisition Regulation; North American Industry Classification System

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) are finalizing, with minor changes, the interim rule concerning the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), that was published in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 46055, July 26, 2000. The rule converts size standards and other programs in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) based on the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) system to NAICS.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 18, 2001.

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 Ms. Rhonda Cundiff, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501-0044. Please cite FAC 2001-02, FAR case 2000-604.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

NAICS is a new system that classifies establishments according to how they conduct their economic activity. It is a significant improvement over the SIC. On May 15, 2000, the Small Business Administration (SBA) published a final rule basing small business size standards on NAICS rather than SIC codes effective the start of the Federal Government's fiscal year 2001.

In addition, this rule includes two technical amendments. FAR 19.102(h)

updates the Internet address for the industry size standards published by the Small Business Administration. FAR 19.1005(a) reinstates language omitted inadvertently.

An interim rule was published in FAC 97-19 in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 46055, July 26, 2000, to conform the FAR to the changes issued by SBA to the size standards and convert other programs in the FAR currently based on SIC codes to NAICS. Two comments were received in response to the interim rule. Those comments were considered in formulation of the final rule.

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 rule 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 coding changes are primarily internal to the Federal Government. External uses of the codes under the small business subcontracting program and small disadvantaged business participation programs are primarily limited to large businesses and involve only use of NAICS rather than SIC tables.

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 5, 12, 19, 23, 52, and 53

Government procurement.

Dated: December 5, 2001.

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Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

Interim Rule Adopted as Final With Minor Changes

Accordingly, DoD, GSA, and NASA adopt the interim rule amending 48 CFR parts 5, 12, 19, 23, 52, and 53, which was published in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 46055, July 26, 2000, as a final rule with the following changes:

PART 19—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

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).

2. In section 19.102, revise paragraph (h) to read as follows:

19.102 Size standards.

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(h) The industry size standards are published by the Small Business Administration and are available via the Internet at <http://www.sba.gov/size>.

19.1005 [Amended]

3. Amend section 19.1005 in the heading of the table in paragraph (a) by removing “Construction” and adding “Construction (except dredging)” in its place.

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48 CFR Parts 22, 25, and 52

[FAC 2001-02; FAR Case 2001-025; Item VIII]

RIN 9000-AJ26

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Iceland—Newly Designated Country Under the Trade Agreements Act

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) to implement the accession of Iceland to the Agreement on Government Procurement, by adding Iceland as a designated country under the Trade Agreements Act.

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