

REVISIONS TO IFR ALTITUDES AND CHANGEOVER POINTS

[Amendment 466; Effective Date February 19, 2004]

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§ 95.6001 Victor Routes—U.S.		
§ 95.6014 VOR Federal Airway 14 Is Amended to Read in Part		
Will Rogers, OK VORTAC * 3,000—MOCA	Totes, OK FIX	* 3,700
Totes, OK FIX * 2,500—MOCA	Drops, OK FIX	* 3,700
Drops, OK FIX	Tulsa, OK VORTAC	2,600
§ 95.6071 VOR Federal Airway 71 is Amended To Read in Part		
Lincoln, NE VORTAC * 2,600—MOCA	Dwell, NE FIX	* 3,300
Dwell, NE FIX * 3,000—MOCA	Columbus, NE VOR/DME	* 3,500
§ 95.6165 VOR Federal Airway 165 Is Amended To Read in Part		
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	NW BND	7,800
	SE BND	12,500

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

14 CFR Part 1260

RIN 2700–AC95

NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook—Central Contractor Registration

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule amends the NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook (Handbook) by requiring applicants for grants and cooperative agreements to include their Dun and Bradstreet, Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number in their proposal submissions; and register in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database prior to submitting a proposal instead of before award. This change is required to prepare for NASA integration with the interagency portal for grant application submission at <http://www.grants.gov>.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 21, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzan P. Moody, NASA Headquarters, Code HK, Washington, DC, (202) 358–0503, e-mail: Suzan.P.Moody@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Handbook currently requires grant officers to use DUNS numbers to verify that prospective awardees are registered in the CCR database. This policy effectively requires applicants to obtain a DUNS number and register in the CCR database prior to award but not necessarily prior to proposal submission. This change to the Handbook will require applicants to complete these requirements prior to proposal submission. This change is made in preparation for NASA integration with the interagency portal for grant application submission at <http://www.grants.gov>, and is necessary because Grants.gov plans to require CCR registration. Additionally, administrative changes are made to update the CCR contact information and remove background information on the Integrated Financial Management (IFM) system to reflect agency-wide implementation of the IFM system.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

NASA certifies 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 changes do not impose additional requirements. The changes only modify the timing of existing requirements.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because this final rule does not impose any new recordkeeping or

information collection requirements, or collection of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 1260

Grant Programs—Science and Technology.

Tom Luedtke,

Assistant Administrator for Procurement.

■ Accordingly, 14 CFR Part 1260 is amended as follows:

PART 1260—GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

■ 1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 1260 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1), Pub. L. 97–258, 96 Stat. 1003 31 U.S.C. 6301, *et seq.*

■ 2. Revise paragraph (b)(3) in § 1260.10 to read as follows:

§ 1260.10 Proposals.

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(b) * * *

(3) A Dun and Bradstreet, Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number shall be included on the Cover Page of all proposal submissions. Before submitting a proposal, all applicants shall have an active registration in the Department of Defense, Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database and shall obtain a Commercial And Government Entity (CAGE) code. Prior to award, the grant officer shall verify active registration in the CCR database, by using the DUNS number or, if

applicable, the DUNS+4 number, via the Internet at <http://www.ccr.gov> or by calling toll free: (888) 227-2423, commercial: (269) 961-5757.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

28 CFR Parts 31, 33, 38, 90, 91, and 93

[Docket No. OAG 106; AG Order No. 2703-2004]

RIN 1105-AA83

Participation in Justice Department Programs by Religious Organizations; Providing for Equal Treatment of All Justice Department Program Participants

AGENCY: Office of the Attorney General, Justice.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule implements executive branch policy that, within the framework of constitutional church-state guidelines, religiously affiliated (or "faith-based") organizations should be able to compete on an equal footing with other organizations for the Department's funding. It revises Department regulations to remove barriers to the participation of faith-based organizations in Department programs and to ensure that these programs are implemented in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Constitution, including the Religion Clauses of the First Amendment.

DATES: Effective Date: February 20, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Purtill, Director, Task Force for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, Department of Justice, Room 4409, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20530; telephone: (202) 305-8283 (this is not a toll-free number). Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access this telephone number via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339. For program-specific information, contact the following offices: Office of Justice Programs—Bureau of Justice Assistance, (202) 307-0635; Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, (202) 307-5924; National Institute of Justice, (202) 307-2942; Office for Victims of Crime, (202) 514-4696; Office on Violence Against Women, (202) 307-6026; Executive Office for Weed and Seed, (202) 616-1152; Bureau of Prisons, (202)

307-3198; National Institute of Corrections, (202) 307-3106; Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), (202) 307-1480. These are not toll-free numbers. Hearing or speech-impaired individuals may access these telephone numbers via TTY by calling the toll-free Federal Information Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background—The September 30, 2003 Proposed Rule

On September 30, 2003, the Department published a proposed rule (68 FR 56410) to amend Department regulations that imposed unwarranted barriers to the participation of faith-based organizations in Department programs. The proposed rule was part of the Department's effort to fulfill its responsibilities under two Executive Orders issued by President Bush. The first of these Orders, Executive Order 13198 of January 29, 2001, published in the **Federal Register** on January 31, 2001 (66 FR 8497), created Centers for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in five cabinet departments—Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Education, Labor, and Justice—and directed these Centers to identify and eliminate regulatory, contracting, and other programmatic obstacles to the equal participation of faith-based and community organizations in the provision of social services by their Departments. The second of these Executive Orders, Executive Order 13279 of December 12, 2002, published in the **Federal Register** on December 16, 2002 (67 FR 77141), charged executive branch agencies to give equal treatment to faith-based and community groups that apply for funds to meet social needs in America's communities. President Bush thereby called for an end to discrimination against faith-based organizations and ordered implementation of these policies throughout the executive branch in a manner consistent with the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. He further directed that faith-based organizations be allowed to retain their religious autonomy over their internal governance and composition of boards, and over their display of religious art, icons, scriptures, or other religious symbols, when participating in government-funded programs. The Administration believes that there should be an equal opportunity for all organizations—both religious and nonreligious—to participate as partners in Federal programs.

Consistent with the President's initiative, the Department's proposed rule of September 30, 2003 proposed to remove unwarranted barriers to the participation of faith-based organizations by amending the regulations for the following Department offices:

1. Office of Justice Programs (OJP).
2. Bureau of Prisons (BOP).
3. National Institute of Corrections (NIC).
4. Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).
5. Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).
6. United States Marshals Service.
7. Asset Forfeiture and Money Laundering Section of the Criminal Division.
8. Civil Rights Division.

The objective of the proposed rule was to ensure that these offices—and in particular the discretionary grants, formula grants, contracts, cooperative agreements, and other assistance administered through them—were open to all qualified organizations, regardless of their religious character, and to establish clearly the proper uses to which funds could be put and the conditions for receipt of funding. In addition, this proposed rule was designed to ensure that the implementation of the Department's programs would be conducted in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Constitution, including the Religion Clauses of the First Amendment. The proposed rule had the following specific objectives:

1. *Participation by faith-based organizations in Justice Department programs.* The proposed rule provided that organizations would be eligible to participate in Department programs without regard to their religious character or affiliation, and that organizations could not be excluded from the competition for Department funds simply because they were religious. Specifically, religious organizations would be eligible to compete for funding on the same basis, and under the same eligibility requirements, as all other nonprofit organizations. The Department, as well as State and local governments administering funds under Department programs, would be prohibited from discriminating against organizations on the basis of religion, religious belief, or religious character in the administration or distribution of Federal financial assistance, including grants, contracts, and cooperative agreements.

2. *Inherently religious activities.* The proposed rule described the requirements that would be applicable