

(ii) [Reserved]

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(3) Advanced telecommunications and information services as provided under § 54.621.

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■ 4. Amend § 54.609 by adding paragraph (e) to read as follows:

§ 54.609 Calculating support.

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(e) *Mobile rural health care providers.*

(1) *Calculation of support.* Mobile rural health care providers may receive discounts for satellite services calculated by comparing the rate for the satellite service to the rate for an urban wireline service with a similar bandwidth. Discounts for satellite services shall not be capped at an amount of a functionally similar wireline alternative. Where the mobile rural health care provider provides service in more than one state, the calculation shall be based on the urban areas in each state, proportional to the number of locations served in each state.

(2) *Documentation of support.* (i) Mobile rural health care providers shall provide to the Administrator documentation of the price of bandwidth equivalent wireline services in the urban area in the state or states where the service is provided. Mobile rural health care providers shall provide to the Administrator the number of sites the mobile health care provider will serve during the funding year.

(ii) Where a mobile rural health care provider serves less than eight different sites per year, the mobile rural health care provider shall provide to the Administrator documentation of the price of bandwidth equivalent wireline services. In such case, the Administrator shall determine on a case-by-case basis whether the telecommunications service selected by the mobile rural health care provider is the most cost-effective option. Where a mobile rural health care provider seeks a more expensive satellite-based service when a less expensive wireline alternative is most cost-effective, the mobile rural health care provider shall be responsible for the additional cost.

■ 5. Amend § 54.615 by revising paragraph (c)(2) to read as follows:

§ 54.615 Obtaining services.

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(2) The requester is physically located in a rural area, unless the health care provider is requesting services provided under § 54.621; or, if the requester is a

mobile rural health care provider requesting services under § 54.609(e), that the requester has certified that it is serving eligible rural areas.

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■ 6. Amend § 54.619 by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 54.619 Audits and recordkeeping.

(a) *Health care providers.* (1) Health care providers shall maintain for their purchases of services supported under this subpart documentation for five years from the end of the funding year sufficient to establish compliance with all rules in this subpart. Documentation must include, among other things, records of allocations for consortia and entities that engage in eligible and ineligible activities, if applicable. Mobile rural health care providers shall maintain annual logs indicating: The date and locations of each clinic stop; and the number of patients served at each such clinic stop.

(2) Mobile rural health care providers shall maintain its annual logs for a period of five years. Mobile rural health care providers shall make its logs available to the Administrator and the Commission upon request.

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■ 7. Amend § 54.621 by adding paragraph (c) to read as follows:

§ 54.621 Access to advanced telecommunications and information services.

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(c) Health care providers located in States that are entirely rural shall be eligible to receive universal service support equal to 50 percent of the monthly cost of advanced telecommunications and information services reasonably related to the health care needs of the facility.

■ 8. Amend § 54.623 by revising paragraphs (a), (b), (c)(2), and (c)(3) to read as follows:

§ 54.623 Cap.

(a) *Amount of the annual cap.* The annual cap on federal universal service support for health care providers shall be \$400 million per funding year, with the following exceptions.

(b) *Funding year.* A funding year for purposes of the health care providers cap shall be the period July 1 through June 30.

(c) * * *

(2) For each funding year, which will begin on July 1, the Administrator shall implement a filing period that treats all health care providers filing within that period as if they were simultaneously received. The filing period shall begin

on the date that the Administrator begins to receive applications for support, and shall conclude on a date to be determined by the Administrator.

(3) The Administrator may implement such additional filing periods as it deems necessary. The deadline for all required forms to be filed with the Administrator is June 30 for the funding year that begins on the previous July 1.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 219

[DFARS Case 2003-D063]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to revise text regarding identification of contract awards under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program. This rule is a result of an initiative undertaken by DoD to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DFARS.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 7, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Michele Peterson, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP (DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0311; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2003-D063.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DFARS Transformation is a major DoD initiative to dramatically change the purpose and content of the DFARS. The objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the acquisition process, while allowing the acquisition workforce the flexibility to innovate. The transformed DFARS will contain only requirements of law, DoD-wide policies, delegations of FAR authorities, deviations from FAR requirements, and policies/procedures that have a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of DoD or a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors. Additional information on the DFARS Transformation initiative is available at

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dfars/transf.htm>.

This final rule is a result of the DFARS Transformation initiative. Section 19.1007(a)(2) of the Federal Acquisition Regulation requires inclusion of a statement on the face page of each contract awarded under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program, to identify the contract as an award under the Program. To accommodate the use of automated systems, this final rule specifies that, when it is not practical to mark the face page of an award document, alternative means may be used to identify a contract as an award under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.

DoD published a proposed rule at 69 FR 35566 on June 25, 2004. DoD received no comments on the proposed rule. Therefore, DoD has adopted the proposed rule as a final rule without change.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD 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 rule only changes an administrative requirement to accommodate the use of automated contracting systems.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply, because the rule does not impose any 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 Part 219

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,
Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

■ Therefore, 48 CFR Part 219 is amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 219 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 219—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

■ 2. Section 219.1007 is amended by adding paragraph (a)(2) to read as follows:

219.1007 Procedures.

(a)(2) When it is not practical to mark the face page of an award document, alternative means may be used to identify the contract as an award under the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 225

[DFARS Case 2004-D002]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Polyacrylonitrile Carbon Fiber—Restriction to Domestic Sources

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to extend the ending date for phasing out domestic source restrictions on the acquisition of polyacrylonitrile (PAN) carbon fiber. The ending date is extended from May 31, 2005, to May 31, 2006.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 7, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP(DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0328; facsimile (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2004-D002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This final rule extends the ending date for phasing out domestic source restrictions on the acquisition of PAN carbon fiber from May 31, 2005, to May 31, 2006. The prescription for use of the clause at DFARS 252.225-7022, Restriction on Acquisition of Polyacrylonitrile (PAN) Carbon Fiber, is amended to require inclusion of the clause in solicitations and contracts for major systems issued on or before May 31, 2006, if the system is not yet in development and demonstration.

The aerospace industry requested the extension to provide U.S. companies sufficient time to maintain the industrial and technological capability to support a critical material used in advanced aerospace weapons programs. In addition, the extension is consistent with Section 832 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal

Year 2005 (Pub. L. 108-375), which requires a delay in phase-out of the restriction until DoD performs an assessment of the PAN carbon fiber industry and submits the resulting report to Congress.

DoD published a proposed rule at 69 FR 35567 on June 25, 2004. DoD received no comments on the proposed rule. Therefore, DoD has adopted the proposed rule as a final rule without change.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD 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 there are no known domestic small business manufacturers of PAN carbon fiber.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose any 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 Part 225

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,
Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

■ Therefore, 48 CFR Part 225 is amended as follows:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 225 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 225—FOREIGN ACQUISITION

■ 2. Section 225.7103-1 is amended by revising the second sentence to read as follows:

225.7103-1 Policy.

* * * DoD is phasing out the restrictions over the period ending May 31, 2006. * * *

■ 3. Section 225.7103-3 is revised to read as follows:

225.7103-3 Contract clause.

Use the clause at 252.225-7022, Restriction on Acquisition of Polyacrylonitrile (PAN) Carbon Fiber, in solicitations and contracts for major systems issued on or before May 31, 2006, if the system is not yet in engineering and manufacturing