

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

40 CFR Part 271

[FRL-7920-5]

Alabama: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revisions

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: Alabama has applied to EPA for final authorization of the changes to its hazardous waste program under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). EPA proposes to grant final authorization to Alabama for RCRA Cluster XIII. In the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**, EPA is authorizing the changes by an immediate final rule. EPA did not make a proposal prior to the immediate final rule because we believe this action is not controversial and do not expect comments that oppose it. We have explained the reasons for this authorization in the preamble to the immediate final rule. Unless we get written comments which oppose this authorization during the comment period, the immediate final rule will become effective on the date it establishes, and we will not take further action on this proposal. If we get comments that oppose this action, we will withdraw the immediate final rule and it will not take effect. We will then respond to public comments in a later final rule based on this proposal. You may not have another opportunity for comment. If you want to comment on this action, you must do so at this time.

DATES: Send your written comments by July 5, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Submit your comments by one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the on-line instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* middlebrooks.gail@epa.gov.
- *Fax:* (404) 562-8439 (prior to faxing, please notify the EPA contact listed below).

- *Mail:* Send written comments to Gail Middlebrooks at the address listed below.

Instructions: Do not submit information that you consider to be CBI or otherwise protected through <http://www.regulations.gov>, or e-mail. The *Federal regulations.gov* Web site is an "anonymous access" system, which means EPA will not know your identity or contact information unless you provide it in the body of your

comments. If you submit an electronic comment, EPA recommends that you include your name and other contact information in the body of your comment and with any disk or CD-ROM you submit.

You can view and copy Alabama's application from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the following addresses: Alabama Department of Environmental Management, 1400 Colliseum Blvd., Montgomery, Alabama 36130-1463, (334) 271-7700, and EPA, Region 4, Library, 9th Floor, The Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104; (404) 562-8190.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gail Middlebrooks, RCRA Services Section, RCRA Programs Branch, Waste Management Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4, The Sam Nunn Atlanta Federal Center, 61 Forsyth Street, SW., Atlanta, Georgia 30303-3104; (404) 562-8494.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For additional information, please see the immediate final rule published in the "Rules and Regulations" section of this **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 11, 2005.

A. Stanley Meiburg,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region 4.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 208 and 216

[DFARS Case 2004-D009]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Competition Requirements for Federal Supply Schedules and Multiple Award Contracts

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to update and clarify requirements for competition in the placement of orders under Federal Supply Schedules and multiple award contracts.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before August 1, 2005, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by DFARS Case 2004-D009, using any of the following methods:

- Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- Defense Acquisition Regulations Web site: <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf/pubcomm>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- E-mail: dfars@osd.mil. Include DFARS Case 2004-D009 in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: (703) 602-0350.

- Mail: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Robin Schulze, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP (DAR), IMD 3C132, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062.

- Hand Delivery/Courier: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202-3402.

All comments received will be posted to <http://emissary.acq.osd.mil/dar/dfars.nsf>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Robin Schulze, (703) 602-0326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This proposed rule revises procedures for use of Federal Supply Schedules and multiple award contracts to promote competition in the placement of orders for supplies or services. The proposed changes—

- Revise approval requirements for placement of noncompetitive orders exceeding \$100,000 under Federal Supply Schedules for consistency with those at FAR 8.405-6, and extend those requirements to orders under multiple award contracts;

- Apply the same ordering procedures to both supplies and services; and

- Make additional changes to DFARS Subpart 208.4 for consistency with the changes to FAR Subpart 8.4 published in Item V of Federal Acquisition Circular 2001-24 On June 18, 2004 (69 FR 34231).

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

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This proposed rule is not expected to 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 proposed changes strengthen and clarify existing requirements for competition in the placement of orders under Federal Supply Schedules and multiple award contracts. Therefore, DoD has not performed an initial regulatory