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Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005–23; Introduction

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Summary presentation of rules.

SUMMARY: This document summarizes the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) rules agreed to by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council in this Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005–23. A companion document, the Small Entity Compliance Guide (SECG), follows this FAC. The FAC, including the SECG, is available via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

DATES: For effective dates and comment dates, see separate documents, which follow.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The analyst whose name appears in the table below in relation to each FAR case. Please cite FAC 2005–23 and the specific FAR case numbers. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the FAR Secretariat at (202) 501–4755.

LIST OF RULES IN FAC 2005–23

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I	Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) (Interim)	2006–030	Clark.
II	Contracts with Religious Entities	2006–019	Woodson.
III	Performance-Based Payments	2005–016	Murphy.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summaries for each FAR rule follow. For the actual revisions and/or amendments to these FAR cases, refer to the specific item number and subject set forth in the documents following these item summaries.

FAC 2005–23 amends the FAR as specified below:

Item I—Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) (FAR Case 2006–030) (Interim)

This interim rule amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to require use of the Electronic Products Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) when acquiring personal computer products such as desktops, notebooks (also known as laptops), and monitors pursuant to the Energy Policy Act of 2005 and Executive Order 13423, “Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Management.” The interim rule revises Subpart 23.7, and prescribes a new clause in 52.223 (also included in 52.212–5 for acquisition of commercial items) in all solicitations and contracts for the acquisition of personal computer products, services that require furnishing of personal computer products for use by the Government, and services for contractor operation of Government-owned facilities.

Item II—Contracts With Religious Entities (FAR Case 2006–019)

This final rule adopts as final, without change, the interim rule published in the **Federal Register** on March 22, 2007. The interim rule amended the Federal

Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Parts 22 and 52 to implement Executive Order (E.O.) 11246, as amended, Equal Employment Opportunity, to incorporate the exemption for religious entities prescribed in E.O. 13279. Section 4 of E.O. 13279 amended Section 204 of E.O. 11246 to exempt religious corporations, associations, educational institutions and societies from certain nondiscrimination requirements. E.O. 11246, as amended, permits religious entities to consider employment of individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with carrying on the entity’s activities. Religious entities are not exempt from other requirements of the executive order.

Item III—Performance-Based Payments (FAR Case 2005–016)

This final rule amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation to increase the use of performance-based payments as the method of contract financing on Federal Government contracts and improve the efficiency of performance-based payments when used on these contracts. These changes originated from recommendations submitted by the Department of Defense Performance-Based Payments Working Group in their March 8, 2005, report.

Dated: December 19, 2007.

Al Matera,
Director, Office of Acquisition Policy.

Federal Acquisition Circular

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005–23 is issued under the authority of the Secretary of Defense, the

Administrator of General Services, and the Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Unless otherwise specified, all Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and other directive material contained in FAC 2005–23 is effective January 25, 2008, except for Items I and II which are effective December 26, 2007.

Dated: December 19, 2007.

Shay D. Assad,
Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy.

Dated: December 19, 2007.

Molly A. Wilkinson,
Chief Acquisition Officer, Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer, General Services Administration.

Dated: December 18, 2007.

William P. McNally,
Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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