SUMMARY: The Federal Communications Commission published a document in the Federal Register that contained new information collection requirements. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) gave approval for these information requirements contained in the Commission’s Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, Implementation of Section 224 of the Act; A National Broadband Plan for Our Future.

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Final rule; announcement of effective date.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Office of Federal Procurement Policy
48 CFR Parts 9901 and 9903

Cost Accounting Standards: Change to the CAS Applicability Threshold for the Inflation Adjustment to the Truth in Negotiations Act Threshold

AGENCY: Cost Accounting Standards Board, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

ACTION: Interim rule.

SUMMARY: The Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP), Cost Accounting Standards (CAS) Board (Board), invites public comments concerning this interim rule revising the threshold for the application of CAS from “$650,000” to “the Truth in Negotiations Act (TINA) threshold, as adjusted for inflation.” The change is being made because the CAS applicability threshold is statutorily tied to TINA. The TINA threshold for obtaining cost or pricing data was recently adjusted for inflation to $700,000 in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), as required by the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005. Until this interim change, the CAS applicability threshold was a stated dollar amount ($650,000) in the Code of Federal Regulations. This wording change will effectively revise the CAS threshold to $700,000 and cause future changes to the CAS applicability threshold to self-execute upon any changes to the TINA threshold as they are implemented in the FAR.

DATES: Effective date: August 11, 2011. Comments must be in writing and must be received by September 12, 2011.

ADDRESSES: All comments to this interim rule must be in writing. Electronic comments may be submitted in any one of three ways:
1. Federal eRulemaking Portal: Comments may be directly sent via http://www.regulations.gov—a Federal E-Government Web site that allows the public to find, review, and submit comments on documents that agencies have published in the Federal Register and that are open for comment. Simply type “CAS–TINA Threshold” (without quotation marks) in the Comment or Submission search box, click Go, and follow the instructions for submitting comments;
2. E-mail: Comments may be included in an e-mail message sent to casb2@omb.eop.gov. The comments may be submitted in the text of the e-mail message or as an attachment;
3. Facsimile: Comments may also be submitted via facsimile to (202) 395–5105; or
4. Mail: If you choose to submit your responses via regular mail, please mail them to: Office of Federal Procurement Policy, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 9013, Washington, DC 20503, ATTN: Raymond J. M. Wong. Due to delays caused by the screening and processing of mail, respondents are strongly encouraged to submit responses electronically.

Be sure to include your name, title, organization, postal address, telephone number, and e-mail address in the text of your public comment and reference “CAS–TINA Threshold” in the subject line irrespective of how you submit your comments. Comments received by the date specified above will be included as part of the official record. Comments delayed due to use of regular mail may not be considered.

Please note that all public comments received will be available in their entirety at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/casb_index_public_comments/ and http://www.regulations.gov after the close of the comment period. Do not include any information whose disclosure you would object to.