47 CFR Part 54
Communications common carriers, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Telecommunications, Telephone.
Federal Communications Commission.
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary.
For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission amends 47 CFR parts 20 and 54 as follows:

PART 20—COMMERCIAL MOBILE RADIO SERVICES

1. The authority citation for part 20 continues to read as follows:
Authority: 47 U.S.C. 154, 160, 201, 251–254, 301, 303, 316, and 332 unless otherwise noted. Section 20.12 is also issued under 47 U.S.C. 1302.

2. Section 20.11 is amended by revising paragraph (e) to read as follows:
§ 20.11 Interconnection to facilities of local exchange carriers.

(e) An incumbent local exchange carrier may request interconnection from a commercial mobile radio service provider and invoke the negotiation and arbitration procedures contained in section 252 of the Act. A commercial mobile radio service provider receiving a request for interconnection must negotiate in good faith and must, if requested, submit to arbitration by the state commission.

PART 54—UNIVERSAL SERVICE

3. The authority citation for part 54 continues to read as follows:
Authority: 47 U.S.C. 151, 154(i), 201, 205, 214, 219, 220, 254, 303(r), 403, and 1302 unless otherwise noted.

Subpart B—Services Designated for Support

4. Section 54.101 is amended by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:
§ 54.101 Supported services for rural, insular and high cost areas.

(a) Services designated for support. Voice telephony services shall be supported by federal universal service support mechanisms. Eligible voice telephony services must provide voice grade access to the public switched network or its functional equivalent; minutes of use for local service provided at no additional charge to end users; access to the emergency services provided by local government or other public safety organizations, such as 911 and enhanced 911, to the extent the local government in an eligible carrier’s service area has implemented 911 or enhanced 911 systems; and toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers (as described in subpart E of this part).

 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edward Loeb, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501–0650, for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at (202) 501–4755. Please cite FAC 2005–55, FAR Case 2010–016; Correction.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This document contains a correction to the final rule that was published in the Federal Register at 77 FR 197 on January 3, 2012, by adding an applicability date to the rule that was inadvertently omitted.

DoD, GSA, and NASA adopted as final, with changes, an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement section 3010 of the Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2010. Section 3010 requires that the information in the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS), excluding past performance reviews, shall be made publicly available. The interim rule notified contractors of this new statutory requirement for public access to FAPIIS.

The delayed application of the final rule will allow time for the Government to complete necessary system changes to support the 14-day wait period. The current system was designed to automatically transfer to the publicly available segment of FAPIIS all information posted by the Government (other than past performance information). As a result, until the change is implemented, there will not be an opportunity for a contractor to request withholding of the information before it is posted to the publicly available segment of FAPIIS. Any information entered into FAPIIS by the Government on or after January 17, 2012 (other than past performance information, which will not transfer to the publicly available segment of FAPIIS), will be subject to a 14-calendar-day delay before it is transferred to the publicly available segment of FAPIIS, regardless of whether the contract includes the January 2012 version or the January 2011 version of FAR 52.209–9, Updates of Publicly Available Information Regarding Responsibility Matters. This will allow all contractors opportunity to assert for the Government’s consideration, within 7 calendar days of being posted, that the information is covered by a disclosure exemption under the Freedom of Information Act.
Dated: January 5, 2012.

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