

- Does not provide EPA with the discretionary authority to address, as appropriate, disproportionate human health or environmental effects, using practicable and legally permissible methods, under Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629, February 16, 1994).

The SIP is not approved to apply on any Indian reservation land or in any other area where EPA or an Indian tribe has demonstrated that a tribe has jurisdiction. In those areas of Indian country, the proposed rule does not have tribal implications and will not impose substantial direct costs on tribal governments or preempt tribal law as specified by Executive Order 13175 (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000).

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Interstate transport of pollution, Nitrogen dioxide, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Visibility.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Dated: January 26, 2016.

Ron Curry,

Regional Administrator, Region 6.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

48 CFR Parts 215 and 252

RIN 0750-A184

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: DFARS Case 2016-D017, Independent Research and Development Expenses

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: DoD is seeking information that will assist in the development of a revision to the DFARS to ensure that substantial future independent research and development (IR&D) expenses as a means to reduce evaluated bid prices in competitive source selections are evaluated in a uniform way during competitive source selections. In addition to the request for written comments on this proposed rulemaking, DoD will hold a public meeting to hear the views of interested parties.

DATES: *Submission of comments:* Interested parties should submit written

comments to the address shown below on or before April 8, 2016, to be considered in the development of any proposed DFARS rule.

Public meeting: A public meeting will be held in the General Services Administration (GSA), Central Office Auditorium, 1800 F Street NW., Washington DC, 20405, on March 3, 2016, from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., local time. The GSA Auditorium is located on the main floor of the building.

Individuals wishing to attend the public meeting should register by February 25, 2016, to ensure adequate accommodations, to facilitate entry into the building, and to create an attendee list for secure entry to the GSA building for anyone who is not a Federal Government employee with a Government badge. Interested parties may register at the Web site, <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/dars/IR&D.html>, by providing the following information:

- Company or organization name;
- Names, telephone numbers and email addresses of persons planning to attend;
- Last four digits of social security number for each attendee (non-Federal employees only); and
- Identify if company or organization desires to make a presentation; limit to one presentation per company or organization. Presentations will be limited to approximately 10 minutes as time permits.

One valid, government-issued photo identification card will be required to enter the building. Non-U.S. citizens may use their valid passport as photo identification. Attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 30 minutes early to accommodate security procedures.

Special Accommodations: The public meeting location is physically accessible to persons with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Mark Gomersall, telephone 703-602-0302, at least 10 working days prior to the meeting date.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by DFARS Case 2016-D017, using any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by entering “DFARS Case 2016-D017” under the heading “Enter keyword or ID” and selecting “Search.” Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “DFARS Case 2016-D017.” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “DFARS Case 2016-D017” on your attached document.

- *Email:* osd.dfars@mail.mil. Include DFARS Case 2016-D017 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-372-6099.

- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Mr. Mark Gomersall, OUSD (AT&L) DPAP/DARS, Room 3B941, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mark Gomersall, telephone 571-372-6099; facsimile 571-372-6101.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

As expressed in the “Implementation Directive for Better Buying Power 3.0—Achieving Dominant Capabilities Through Technical Excellence and Innovation,” dated April 9, 2015, the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics noted a concern when “promised future IRAD [Independent Research and Development] expenditures are used to substantially reduce the bid price on competitive procurements. In these cases, development price proposals are reduced by using a separate source of government funding (allowable IRAD overhead expenses spread across the total business) to gain a price advantage in a specific competitive bid. This is not the intended purpose of making IRAD an allowable cost.”

DoD is considering a proposed approach whereby solicitations would require offerors to describe in detail the nature and value of prospective IR&D projects on which the offeror would rely to perform the resultant contract. Then, as a standard approach, DoD would evaluate proposals in a manner that would take into account that reliance by adjusting the total evaluated price to the Government, for evaluation purposes only, to include the value of related future IR&D projects.

II. Solicitation of Public Comment

DoD is seeking comments on this planned approach in order to assist in the development of a proposed DFARS rule. Specifically, the Department is interested in understanding whether the planned approach would achieve the objective of treating the proposed use of substantial future IR&D expenses as a

means to reduce evaluated bid prices in competitive source selections in a uniform manner that is consistent with the objective of making IR&D an allowable cost.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 215 and 252

Government procurement.

Jennifer L. Hawes,

Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations System.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Parts 216 and 300

RIN 0648-AX63

Trade Monitoring Procedures for Fishery Products; International Trade in Seafood; Permit Requirements for Importers and Exporters; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service will hold a public webinar to present details of a previously issued proposed rule (which published December 29, 2015) for electronic filing of seafood trade documents and will allow time for questions from the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, September, 17, 2016, from 3 p.m. until 4 p.m. eastern standard time. Written comments on the proposed rule (December 29, 2015; 80 FR 81251) must be received by February 29, 2016.

ADDRESSES: For information about connecting and system requirements to attend the webinar, visit: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ia/slider_stories/2015/12/itds_proposed_rule.html. Participants are encouraged to use their telephone for the audio portion of the meeting. Instructions for audio access will be on the Web page referenced above and will be shown on the screen before joining the webinar.

Public comment on the proposed rule should be submitted by February 29, 2016 through www.regulations.gov by accessing docket NOAA-NMFS-2009-0124.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Wildman, Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection; telephone: (301) 427-8350.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 29, 2015, NMFS published a proposed rule (80 FR 81251) to integrate three currently paper-based seafood trade monitoring programs within the scope of electronic data collection through the U.S. government-wide International Trade Data System. Background information on the proposed rule is provided at: <http://www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2009-0124>. The purpose of the meeting is to inform the public of the proposed requirements for filing entries and exports within the International Trade Data System. Following the presentation of the proposed rule, a question and answer session will be accommodated as time allows. Public comment on the proposed rule should be submitted by February 29, 2016 through www.regulations.gov by accessing docket NOAA-NMFS-2009-0124.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mark Wildman at (301) 427-8350 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 2, 2016.

Steven Wilson,

Acting Director, Office for International Affairs and Seafood Inspection, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 679

[Docket No. 150430410-6046-01]

RIN 0648-BF05

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Western Alaska Community Development Quota Program

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed rule; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues a proposed rule that would implement Amendment 109

to the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (FMP). If approved, this proposed rule would amend regulations governing the Western Alaska Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program to support increased participation in the groundfish CDQ fisheries (primarily Pacific cod) by catcher vessels less than or equal to 46 feet (ft) (14.0 meters (m)) length overall (LOA) using hook-and-line gear. Specifically, this proposed rule would exempt operators of registered catcher vessels greater than 32 ft (9.8 m) LOA and less than or equal to 46 ft LOA using hook-and-line gear from the requirement to obtain and carry a License Limitation Program license when groundfish CDQ fishing. The proposed rule also would reduce observer coverage requirements for catcher vessels less than or equal to 46 ft LOA when groundfish CDQ fishing, and implement new in-season management and catch accounting requirements to properly account for the harvest of groundfish and halibut and the accrual of halibut prohibited species catch in these fisheries. In addition to the proposed regulations necessary to implement Amendment 109, NMFS proposes to remove a table in the regulations because it is no longer necessary. This action is intended to facilitate increased participation by residents of CDQ communities in the groundfish fisheries in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area, and to support economic development in western Alaska. This action is necessary to promote the goals of the CDQ Program, and to promote the goals and objectives of the FMP, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, and other applicable laws.

DATES: Submit comments on or before March 9, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2015-0060, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2015-0060, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Submit written comments to Glenn Merrill, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Mail comments to P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.