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SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 167
[USCG–2011–0351]

Port Access Route Study: The Atlantic
Coast From Maine to Florida

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for
comment.

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DATES: Comments and related material
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Dated: February 24, 2016.

William D. Lee,
Vice Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard, Commander, Atlantic Area.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 1815 and 1852

RIN 2700–AE27

Removal of Grant Handbook

References (2016–N001)

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is proposing to amend the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to remove references to NASA’s Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook, NASA Procedural Requirements (NPR) 5800.1, NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A–21 for educational institutions and A–122 for nonprofit organizations.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before May 13, 2016 to be considered in formulation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by NFS Case 2016–N001, using any of the following methods:

○ Regulations.gov: http://www.regulations.gov. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by entering “NFS Case 2016–N001” under the heading “Enter keyword or ID” and selecting “Search.” Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “NFS Case 2016–N001.” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “NFS Case 2016–N001” on your attached document.

○ Email: andrew.orourke@nasa.gov. Include NFS Case 2016–N001 in the subject line of the message.

○ Fax: (202) 358–3082.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background


II. Discussion

NASA is proposing to remove references to grant and cooperative agreement policy and guidance from the NASA FAR Supplement, which supplements the FAR, because they do not pertain to the procurement of goods and services. The FAR only contains guidance on contracts and no other funding agreements such as grants and cooperative agreements. Consistent with Executive Order (E.O.) 13563, Improving Regulations and Regulatory Review, NASA reviewed the NFS and is proposing to remove references to the NASA Grant and Cooperative Agreement Handbook and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars A–21 for educational institutions and A–122 for nonprofit organizations located at NFS 1815.602 and in NFS 1852.235–72. Circulars A–21 and A–122 were rescinded and are no longer applicable for new awards after December 26, 2014. Both of these OMB circulars were replaced by 2 CFR part 200.

III. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health, and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act

NASA does not expect this proposed rule 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 it merely removes outdated and unnecessary grant and cooperative agreement references that should not be in the NFS. Therefore, an initial regulatory flexibility analysis has not been performed. NASA invites comments from small business concerns and other interested parties on the expected impact of this proposed rule on small entities.

NASA will also consider comments from small entities concerning the