policies for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, including those under the Clean Air Act. The purpose of this rule is to reinstate the increased SAT for overseas acquisitions for peacekeeping or humanitarian operations. Conforming changes are made in FAR parts 4, 13, 18, and 19.

One public comment was received.

II. Discussion and Analysis

The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (the Councils) reviewed the public comment in development of the final rule.

A. Summary of Significant Changes

There were no changes made to the rule as a result of the comment received. There were no comments on the Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis.

B. Analysis of Public Comments

Comment: One respondent stated that the FAR definition of simplified acquisition needed to clarify that construction is included as part of supplies or services in a contingency environment, noting that construction projects are very important to contingency operations. The respondent indicated that contracting professionals generally understand that the FAR covers two broad categories of acquisition: Supplies and services. Services include everything that is not a commodity (supplies), and is therefore inclusive of construction, which is a type of service.

Response: The Councils appreciate the comment and acknowledge the broad understanding that services are inclusive of construction services.

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

DoD, GSA, and NASA have prepared a Final Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (FRFA) consistent with the Regulatory
services that, as determined by the head of the agency, are to be used to support a contingency operation or to facilitate defense against or recovery from nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack (41 U.S.C. 1903), the term means—

(i) $300,000 for any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, inside the United States; and

(ii) $1 million for any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, outside the United States; and

(2) Acquisitions of supplies or services that, as determined by the head of the agency, are to be used to support a humanitarian or peacekeeping operation (10 U.S.C. 2302), the term means $300,000 for any contract to be awarded and performed, or purchase to be made, outside the United States.

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PART 19—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

19.203 [Amended]

7. Amend section 19.203 by removing from paragraph (b) “described in paragraph (1)(i)” and adding “described in paragraph (1)(ii)” in its place.

19.502–2 [Amended]

8. Amend section 19.502–2 by removing from paragraph (a) “paragraph (1) of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold” and adding paragraph (1)(i) of the simplified acquisition threshold” in its place.

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Federal Acquisition Regulation; Basic Safeguarding of Contractor Information Systems

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to add a new subpart and contract clause for the basic safeguarding of contractor information systems that process, store or transmit Federal contract information. The clause does not relieve the contractor of any other specific safeguarding requirement specified by Federal agencies and departments as it relates to covered contractor information systems generally or other Federal requirements for safeguarding Controlled Unclassified Information (CUI) as established by Executive Order (E.O.). Systems that contain classified information, or CUI such as personally identifiable information, require more than the basic level of protection.

DATES: Effective: June 15, 2016.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: