

allocating the funding of the provision of VRS and IP Relay among all telecommunications carriers and VoIP providers. By including intrastate revenues in the contribution base, the VRS and IP Relay programs, including the providers and users, would be supported by a broader, more sustainable contribution base.

24. The Commission seeks comment from all interested parties. Small entities are encouraged to bring to the Commission's attention any specific concerns they may have with the proposals outlined in the NPRM. The Commission expects to consider the economic impact on small entities, as identified in comments filed in response to the NPRM, in reaching its final conclusions and taking action in this proceeding.

*Federal Rules Which Duplicate, Overlap, or Conflict With, the Commission's Proposals*

25. None.

**List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 64**

Individuals with disabilities, Telecommunications, Telecommunications relay services, Federal Communications Commission.

**Marlene Dortch,**

*Secretary, Office of the Secretary.*

Proposed Rules

**Proposed Rules**

For the reasons discussed in the preamble, the Federal Communications Commission proposes to amend Title 47 part 64 as follows:

**PART 64—MISCELLANEOUS RULES RELATING TO COMMON CARRIERS**

■ 1. The authority citation for part 64 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154, 201, 202, 217, 218, 220, 222, 225, 226, 227, 227b, 228, 251(a), 251(e), 254(k), 262, 276, 403(b)(2)(B), (c), 616, 620, 1401–1473, unless otherwise noted; Pub. L. 115–141, Div. P, sec. 503, 132 Stat. 348, 1091.

**§ 64.604 [AMENDED]**

■ 2. Amend § 64.604 by revising paragraphs (c)(5)(ii) and (c)(5)(iii)(A) to read as follows:

**§ 64.604 Mandatory minimum standards.**

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(c) \* \* \*

(5) \* \* \*

(ii) *Cost recovery.* Costs caused by interstate TRS shall be recovered from all subscribers for every interstate service, utilizing a shared-funding cost recovery mechanism. Except as noted in this paragraph, costs caused by

intrastate TRS shall be recovered from the intrastate jurisdiction. In a state that has a certified program under § 64.606, the state agency providing TRS shall, through the state's regulatory agency, permit a common carrier to recover costs incurred in providing TRS by a method consistent with the requirements of this section. Costs caused by the provision of interstate and intrastate IP CTS, VRS, and IP Relay, if not provided through a certified state program under § 64.606, shall be recovered from all subscribers for every interstate and intrastate service, using a shared-funding cost recovery mechanism.

(iii) \* \* \*

(A) *Contributions.* Every carrier providing interstate or intrastate telecommunications services (including interconnected VoIP service providers pursuant to § 64.601(b)) and every provider of non-interconnected VoIP service shall contribute to the TRS Fund, as described herein:

(1) For the support of TRS other than IP CTS, VRS, and IP Relay, on the basis of interstate end-user revenues; and

(2) For the support of IP CTS, VRS, and IP Relay on the basis of interstate and intrastate revenues. Contributions shall be made by all carriers who provide interstate or intrastate services, including, but not limited to, cellular telephone and paging, mobile radio, operator services, personal communications service (PCS), access (including subscriber line charges), alternative access and special access, packet-switched, WATS, 800, 900, message telephone service (MTS), private line, telex, telegraph, video, satellite, intraLATA, international, and resale services.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**48 CFR Parts 1, 3, 12, and 52**

[FAR Case 2013–022, Docket No. FAR–2013–0022, Sequence No. 1]

RIN 9000–AM69

**Federal Acquisition Regulation: Extension of Limitations on Contractor Employee Personal Conflicts of Interest**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** DoD, GSA, and NASA are withdrawing the proposed rule to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) titled: Extension of Limitations on Contractor Employee Personal Conflicts of Interest. The decision not to proceed with a final rule was made on the basis that the requirements of the underlying statute that directed consideration of a FAR change have been met. Accordingly, this proposed rule is withdrawn, and the FAR case is closed.

**DATES:** The proposed rule published on April 2, 2014, at 79 FR 18503 is withdrawn as of March 19, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mahruba Uddowla, Procurement Analyst, at 703–605–2868 or [mahruba.uddowla@gsa.gov](mailto:mahruba.uddowla@gsa.gov). Please cite “FAR Case 2013–022”.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 2, 2014, DoD, GSA, and NASA proposed to amend the FAR to implement a recommendation made by DoD pursuant to section 829 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2013 (79 FR 18503). The proposed rule considered extending the limitations at FAR subpart 3.11 on contractor employee personal conflicts of interest to individuals performing any function that is closely associated with inherently governmental functions and certain individuals performing contracts for personal services.

A decision was made not to proceed with finalization of the proposed rule. Because of the passage of time since the proposed rule was issued in 2014, and the fact that section 829 did not require any changes to the FAR, the FAR Council believes further consideration of any amendments to the FAR related

to limitations on contractor employee personal conflicts of interest should be accomplished under a new FAR case. Accordingly, the proposed rule published at 79 FR 18503 on April 2, 2014, is withdrawn and FAR Case 2013-022 is closed.

**List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1, 3, 12, and 52**

Government procurement.

**William F. Clark,**

*Director, Office of Government-wide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**48 CFR Parts 1, 7, 25, 44, and 52**

**FAR Case 2018-002, Docket No. FAR-2018-0051, Sequence No. 1]**

**RIN 9000-AN62**

**Federal Acquisition Regulation: Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** DoD, GSA, and NASA are withdrawing the proposed rule to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) titled: Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance. The decision not to proceed with a final rule has been made because the Presidential Memorandum regarding “The Mexico City Policy,” dated January 23, 2017, has been revoked by the Memorandum on Protecting Women’s Health at Home and Abroad issued by President Biden on January 28, 2021. Accordingly, this proposed rule is withdrawn, and the FAR case is closed.

**DATES:** The proposed rule published on September 14, 2020, at 85 FR 56549 is withdrawn as of March 19, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** FAR Policy, at 202-969-4075 or *farpolicy@gsa.gov*. Please cite “FAR Case 2018-002”.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 14, 2020, DoD, GSA, and NASA proposed to amend the FAR to

implement the Presidential Memorandum regarding “The Mexico City Policy,” issued on January 23, 2017. The Secretary of State approved on May 9, 2017, a plan, called “Protecting Life in Global Health Assistance” (PLGHA), to specify the manner in which U.S. Government Departments and Agencies will apply the provision of the “Mexico City Policy” to foreign non-governmental organizations that receive U.S. funding for global health assistance. The rule proposed amendments to limit the foreign contractors eligible to receive global health assistance funding to only those that agree to abide by the terms of the PLGHA policy in their contract or subcontract.

On January 28, 2021, the Memorandum on Protecting Women’s Health at Home and Abroad was issued by President Biden which revoked the Presidential Memorandum regarding “The Mexico City Policy.” Accordingly, the proposed rule published at 85 FR 56549 on September 14, 2020, is withdrawn and FAR Case 2018-002 is closed.

**List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1, 7, 25, 44, and 52**

Government procurement.

**William F. Clark,**

*Director, Office of Government-wide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy.*

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**48 CFR Parts 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 37, 42, 52 and 53**

**[FAR Case 2011-001, Docket No. FAR-2011-0001, Sequence No. 1]**

**RIN 9000-AL82**

**Federal Acquisition Regulation: Organizational Conflicts of Interest**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** DoD, GSA, and NASA are withdrawing the proposed rule to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) titled: Organizational

Conflicts of Interest. The decision not to proceed with a final rule has been made given the amount of time that has passed since publication of the proposed rule. Accordingly, this proposed rule is withdrawn, and the FAR case is closed.

**DATES:** The proposed rule published on April 26, 2011, at 76 FR 23236 is withdrawn as of March 19, 2021.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Mahruba Uddowla, Procurement Analyst, at 703-605-2868 or *mahruba.uddowla@gsa.gov*. Please cite “FAR Case 2011-001”.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** April 26, 2011, DoD, GSA, and NASA proposed to amend the FAR to revise regulatory coverage on organizational conflicts of interest (OCI) and provide additional coverage regarding contractor access to nonpublic information (76 FR 23236). The proposed rule sought public comment on a revised approach to OCI and unequal access to nonpublic information, as well as the OCI framework for major defense acquisition programs implemented in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) via DFARS Case 2009-D015 (75 FR 20954, April 22, 2010).

Given the amount of time that has passed since publication of the proposed rule, and potential changed circumstances, a decision has been made not to proceed with finalization of the FAR rule. Accordingly, the proposed rule published at 76 FR 23236 on April 26, 2011, is withdrawn and FAR Case 2011-001 is closed. Consideration of any future amendments to the FAR related to organizational conflicts of interest or unequal access to nonpublic information will be accomplished under a new FAR case.

**List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18, 37, 42, 52 and 53**

Government procurement.

**William F. Clark,**

*Director, Office of Government-wide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy.*

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