replacement in (c)(556)(i)(A)(1), Rule 102, adopted on December 3, 2004. * * * * *

(556) The following rule was submitted on September 16, 2020, by the Governor’s designee as an attachment to a letter dated September 16, 2020.

(i) Incorporation by reference. (A) Dorado County Air Quality Management District.


(2) [Reserved]

(B) [Reserved]

(ii) [Reserved] 2

(557) The following rule was submitted on September 21, 2020, by the Governor’s designee as an attachment to a letter dated September 18, 2020.

(i) Incorporation by reference. (A) El Dorado County Air Quality Management District.


(2) [Reserved]

(B) [Reserved]

(ii) [Reserved] 2

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Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Data Collection and Inventory for Services Contracts (DFARS Case 2018–D063)

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD is issuing a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement to implement a section of the United States Code that requires the collection of data on certain DoD service contracts.

DATES: Effective July 9, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Carrie Moore, telephone 571–372–6093.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

DoD published a proposed rule in the Federal Register at 85 FR 34569 on June 5, 2020, to implement 10 U.S.C. 2330a, as amended by section 812 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 (Pub. L. 114–328), which requires DoD to establish a data collection system to provide certain management information with regard to an awarded contract or task order that is valued in excess of $3 million and is for the following service acquisition portfolio groups: Logistics management services, equipment-related services, knowledge-based services, or telecommunications and communications services.

DoD published a prior proposed rule under DFARS Case 2012–D051 in the Federal Register at 79 FR 32522 on June 5, 2014, to implement 10 U.S.C. 2330a (section 807 of the NDAA for FY 2008), which required DoD to establish a data collection system to provide certain data on the purchasing of services by DoD and to submit to Congress an annual inventory of services contracts awarded by or on behalf of DoD. The proposed rule for DFARS Case 2012–D051 required contractors to enter the required data into a DoD-unique system, Enterprise Contractor Manpower Reporting Application (ECMRA). In response to public comments received in response to the proposed rule for DFARS Case 2012–D051, DoD made the following changes in the proposed rule for DFARS Case 2018–D063:

• DoD has adopted the service contract reporting process used by other Federal agencies and no longer requires contractor reporting in ECMRA. This change enables DoD to use the Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) to obtain a majority of the information required by 10 U.S.C. 2330a. FPDS does not provide data on the direct labor hours expended and dollar amounts invoiced for contracted services.

Therefore, both the proposed and final rules require applicable contractors to enter the labor hours and dollar amounts in SAM, which is the process used by other Federal agencies, in accordance with Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) subpart 4.17.

• To relieve burden and minimize impact for contractors and subcontractors, both the proposed and final rules require contractors to report the total number of hours worked (both contractor and subcontractor) under the contract for the entire fiscal year and do not require a breakdown of those hours by employee type or by subcontractor. The requirement to report subcontractor data is limited to first-tier subcontractors, consistent with the FAR requirement for service contract reporting. The proposed and final rules leave the process for collecting subcontractor data up to the discretion of each contractor; the rules do not prescribe a specific methodology that contractors must use to gather this data on applicable subcontractors, or prescribe a reporting requirement for subcontractors via the flow-down of the contract clause.

• The estimated burdens for respondents and responses published in the proposed rule for DFARS Case 2021–D051 have been updated to reflect the revised requirements of 10 U.S.C. 2330a, as amended.

The following is a summary of the public comments received in response to the proposed rule for DFARS Case 2012–D051:

A. Exemptions

Comment: Several respondents recommended that the rule exempt certain areas including: Research and development projects; architect and engineering services; telecommunications and transmission and internet; and actions using criteria similar to the Service Contract Labor Standards exemptions in FAR 22.1003–4(d)(1).

Response: The proposed rule for DFARS Case 2018–D063 implements 10 U.S.C. 2330a, as amended by section 812 of the NDAA for FY 2017, which