

of the HCA when requesting authorization to allow a contract award to a Government employee or business concern or other organization owned or substantially owned or controlled by one or more Government employees.

Subpart 1403.7—Voiding and Rescinding Contracts**1403.704 Policy.**

The HCA is authorized to declare void and rescind contracts in accordance with the procedures in FAR 3.705.

1403.705 Procedures.

(a) *Reporting.* The facts concerning any final conviction for any violation of 18 U.S.C. 201–224 involving or relating to any contract awarded by a bureau or office shall be set forth in a report and submitted by the HCA to the Civil Division of the Department of the Justice. The report shall also contain a recommendation to initiate a debarment action. If debarment is recommended, the procedures in 1409.406-3(a) shall be followed. Copies of the report shall be provided to Director, PAM, and the Deputy Assistant Inspector General for Investigations for informational purposes.

(b) *Notice of Proposed Action.* Based upon review of the report in paragraph (a) of this section and after consultation with the SOL and the OIG, as appropriate, the HCA shall give notice of the proposed action to the contractor in accordance with the requirements of FAR 3.704(c).

(c) *Final Agency Decision.* The HCA shall make the final decision on voiding and rescinding contracts in accordance with the requirements of FAR 3.705(e).

Subpart 1403.8—Limitation on the Payment of Funds to Influence Federal Transactions**1403.804 Policy.**

The BPC shall receive copies of contractor disclosures and forward them to the Director, PAM, for submission to Congress.

1403.806 Processing suspected violations.

Suspected violations shall be referred to the HCA. The HCA, in consultation with the SOL and OIG, shall act in accordance with FAR 3.807.

Subpart 1403.10—Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct**1403.1004 Contract clause.**

(a) In all awards expected to exceed \$3,000,000, including options, for which performance is expected to exceed 120 days, except purchases conducted in accordance with FAR Part 12 and contracts to be performed entirely outside the United States, replace “\$5,000,000” with “\$3,000,000” in paragraph (d) of FAR 52.203-14.

(b) Insert the following into paragraph (b)(3) of the same clause: “Downloadable hotline posters as well as instructions for obtaining a hard copy poster are available at <http://www.doiig.gov/hotline>.”

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Subpart 1404.4—Safeguarding Classified Information Within Industry

1404.402 General.

(a) The DOI has entered into an agreement with the DOD to be covered by the National Industrial Security Program (NISP). The agreement is contained in 443 DM 1, Appendix 1.

(b) Classified acquisitions or contracts (see FAR 4.401) shall be subject to the instructions contained in the DOD publications listed in FAR 4.402(b).

1404.403 Responsibilities of contracting officers.

(a) For proposed solicitations that may require access to Departmental classified information, the CO shall consult with the Office of Managing Risk and Public Safety for guidance on NISP in accordance with 443 DM 1.

(b) For proposed contracts where the contractor provides service for the handling and transmission of registered or certified mail at activities that customarily receive and transmit classified information (see FAR 4.401), the contractor shall be cleared to the degree of SECRET. This clearance shall be obtained through the Office of Managing Risk and Public Safety in accordance with 442 DM 8.

(c) For proposed contracts where guard services are assigned to safeguard Department activities in possession of classified information (see FAR 4.401), review and approval shall be obtained from the Office of Managing Risk and Public Safety in accordance with 442 DM 8.

Subpart 1404.7—Contractor Records Retention

1404.702 Applicability.

In addition to the clauses listed at FAR 4.702, the policies and procedures at FAR 4.7 shall also apply to records generated under contracts containing the clause at 1452.215-70, Examination of Records by the Department of the Interior.

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Subpart 1404.8—Contract Files

1404.802 Contract files.

In addition to the requirements in FAR 4.802, files shall also be maintained in accordance with the provisions of 380 DM 3.

1404.804 Closeout of contract files.

1404.804-70 Release of claims.

(a) The CO shall insert the clause at 1452.204-70, Release of Claims, in all construction, architect and engineering, and cost-reimbursement contracts that exceed the SAT. The Release of Claims clause may be inserted in other types of contracts when the CO determines that the release is necessary to protect the interests of the Government.

(b) Form DI-137, Release of Claims, shall be used to obtain a release of claims.

1404.805 Disposal of contract files.

Disposition of files shall be accomplished in accordance with 384 DM.

Subpart 1404.70—Deposit of Contract Publications

1404.7001 General.

The DOI Departmental Library is responsible for maintaining a complete collection of Departmental publications. As used in this Subpart, the term "Departmental publication" means any publication or report produced under a DOI contract or Interagency agreement.

1404.7002 Policy.

The CO shall direct the contractor, in the technical instructions, to acknowledge Federal sponsorship in the final report or publication by placing the following statement on the title page:

"This publication was funded by U.S. Department of the Interior, (Name of Bureau/Office), Washington, DC, under contract number _____."

1404.7003 Exceptions.

The following types of publications are excluded from the requirements of this Subpart:

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- (a) Internal documents required for administrative or operational purposes that have no public interest, educational, scientific, or research value;
- (b) Classified publications and material otherwise marked prohibiting unauthorized disclosure;
- (c) Tentative drafts such as preliminary planning reports that will appear later in revised or final form;
- (d) Journal and magazine articles; or
- (e) Disclosure materials containing any description, specification, data, plan, or drawing of any unpatented invention upon which a patent application is likely to be filed, unless an opinion by the SOL, or his/her duly authorized designee, has been rendered which finds that the interests of the

Government will not be prejudiced by disclosure of such materials.

1404.7004 Procedures.

(a) The CO shall direct the contractor, in the technical instructions, to provide two copies of each publication or report produced under a contract to: U.S. Department of the Interior, Departmental Library, 1849 C Street, NW., MS-2258, Main Interior Bldg., Washington, DC 20240.

(b) A transmittal letter shall accompany the copies and identify the sender and the publication(s). The bibliographic information required by 481 DM 1.3B(4) shall be also included with the submission of all translations.