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placed in the contract file and one copy provided to the Director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization.

### **1519.705-4 Reviewing the subcontracting plan.**

In determining the acceptability of a proposed subcontracting plan, the contracting officer shall obtain advice and recommendations from the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization, which shall in turn coordinate review by the Small Business Administration Procurement Center Representative (if any).

### **1519.705-70 Synopsis of contracts containing Pub. L. 95-507 subcontracting plans and goals.**

The synopsis of contract award, where applicable, shall include a statement identifying the contract as one containing Public Law 95-507 subcontracting plans and goals.

## **PART 1520—LABOR SURPLUS AREA CONCERNS**

AUTHORITY: Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

### **Subpart 1520.1—General [Reserved]**

### **Subpart 1520.3—Labor Surplus Area Subcontracting Program [Reserved]**

## **PART 1522—APPLICATION OF LABOR LAWS TO GOVERNMENT ACQUISITIONS**

### **Subpart 1522.8—Equal Employment Opportunity**

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### **Subpart 1522.13—Special Disabled and Vietnam Era Veterans [Reserved]**

### **Subpart 1522.14—Employment of the Handicapped [Reserved]**

AUTHORITY: Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

SOURCE: 49 FR 8857, June 15, 1984, unless otherwise noted.

## **Subpart 1522.8—Equal Employment Opportunity**

### **1522.803 Responsibilities.**

If the applicability of E.O. 11246 and implementing regulations are questioned, the Contracting Officer shall route the matter through the CCO to the EPA Office of Civil Rights.

[49 FR 8857, June 15, 1984, as amended at 55 FR 24579, June 18, 1990; 59 FR 18976, Apr. 21, 1994]

### **1522.804 Affirmative action programs.**

#### **1522.804-2 Construction.**

Each contracting office having construction contract responsibility shall maintain a list of geographical areas subject to affirmative action requirements. The list can be obtained from the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs, U.S. Department of Labor.

[49 FR 8857, Mar. 8, 1984; 49 FR 24734, June 15, 1984, as amended at 78 FR 46290, July 31, 2013]

### **Subpart 1522.10—Service Contract Act of 1965 [Reserved]**

### **Subpart 1522.13—Special Disabled and Vietnam Era Veterans [Reserved]**

### **Subpart 1522.14—Employment of the Handicapped [Reserved]**

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1523.703–1 Acquisition of environmentally preferable meeting and conference facilities and services.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

SOURCE: 49 FR 8857, Mar. 8, 1984, unless otherwise noted.

**Subpart 1523.3—Hazardous Material and Material Safety Data**

**1523.303 Contract clause.**

**1523.303–70 Protection of human subjects.**

Contracting Officers shall insert the contract clause at 1552.223–70 when the contract involves human test subjects.

**1523.303–71 Decontamination of Government-furnished property.**

Contracting Officers shall insert the contract clause at 1552.245–70, Decontamination of Government-Furnished Property, when it is anticipated that a Contractor will use Government-furnished or Contractor-acquired property in the clean-up of hazardous or toxic substances in the environment.

**1523.303–72 Use and care of laboratory animals.**

Contracting officers shall insert the clause at 1552.223–72, Use and Care of Laboratory Animals, in all contracts involving the use of animals in testing, research or training.

[80 FR 4214, Jan. 27, 2015]

**Subpart 1523.7—Contracting for Environmentally Preferable Products and Services**

SOURCE: 72 FR 18403, May 1, 2007, unless otherwise noted.

**1523.703 Policies and procedures.**

**1523.703–1 Acquisition of environmentally preferable meeting and conference facilities and services.**

(a) *Scope.* This section establishes the policy and the procedures for acquiring environmentally preferable meeting and conference facilities and services. For purposes of this section, the term “contracting officer” refers to any EPA employee with purchasing authority. For purposes of this section, the terms “meeting and conference facilities” or “conference facilities” refer to any off-site commercial facility which is purchased for the use of an EPA conference or event, whether the purpose of the event is a meeting, conference, training session, or other official purpose.

(b) *Conference facilities.* EPA conducts government events at facilities owned and operated by private, third-party vendors. These facilities—

(1) May provide conference participants with lodging, food and beverage, and other on-site event support services.

(2) Demonstrate they are environmentally preferable by their responses to the 17 questions in 1552.223–71(c) highlighting environmental performance. These questions address, among other things, reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, the production and disposal of solid waste, the use of and exposure to toxic chemicals/materials, and the depletion of natural resources including water.

(c) *Policy.* Contracting officers shall purchase environmentally preferable meeting and conference facilities and services to the greatest extent practicable. Environmentally preferable is defined at FAR 2.101 and shall be considered in all purchases of meeting and conference facilities and services.

(d) *Procedures for micropurchases.* The contracting officer shall request that potential third party conference facility vendors respond to the 17 questions in 1552.223–71(c) or language substantially the same as these questions, in order to evaluate their environmental performance.

(e) *Procedures for purchases of conference facilities exceeding the micropurchase threshold.* The contracting officer

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shall request that potential third party conference facility vendors respond to the 17 questions in 1552.223-71(c) or language substantially the same as these questions, in order to evaluate their environmental performance. The contracting officer shall notify vendors that the basis for award will be best value with price and other factors considered. Environmental preferability, as determined by evaluating the information submitted in response to the questions and specifications at 1552.223-71(c) or information submitted in response to substantially similar questions and specifications, shall be considered among the other factors. The contracting officer shall determine the relative importance of price and other factors as appropriate to the acquisition, but in all cases shall consider environmental preferability as a significant factor.

(f) *Contractor support for meetings and conferences.* A contract, order, work assignment or purchasing agreement that includes contractor support for meeting and conference planning and logistics must include requirements to make use of environmentally preferable meeting and conference facilities and services. The contracting officer shall ensure language is included in the tasking document work statement that requires the contractor to use the provisions at 1552.223-71 or language approved by the contracting officer that is substantially the same as the provisions, when soliciting quotes or offers for meeting and conference services on behalf of the EPA.

(g) *Solicitation provision.* The contracting officer shall insert provisions or language substantially the same as

the provisions at 1552.223-71 EPA Green Meetings and Conferences, in solicitations for meeting and conference services. Contracting officers issuing an oral solicitation must also use these provisions, though they may be provided to the vendor orally or electronically. Contractors soliciting quotes or offers for meeting and conference services on behalf of EPA shall use the provisions, or language approved by the contracting officer that is substantially the same as the provisions.

[80 FR 4214, Jan. 27, 2015]

## **PART 1524—PROTECTION OF PRIVACY AND FREEDOM OF INFORMATION**

AUTHORITY: Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390, as amended, 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

### **Subpart 1524.1—Protection of Individual Privacy**

#### **1524.104 Solicitation provisions.**

The Contracting Officer shall insert the provision at 1552.224-70, Social Security Numbers of Consultants and Certain Sole Proprietors and Privacy Act Statement, in all solicitations.

[49 FR 8858, Mar. 8, 1984]

### **Subpart 1524.2—Freedom of Information Act [Reserved]**

## **PART 1525—FOREIGN ACQUISITION**

### **Subpart 1525.1—Buy American Act—Supplies [Reserved]**