

require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 16 and 52

Government procurement.

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Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division,
Office of Government-wide Policy.

Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending 48 CFR parts 16 and 52 as set forth below:

■ 1. The authority citation for parts 16 and 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 51 U.S.C. 20113.

PART 16—TYPES OF CONTRACTS

16.504 [Amended]

■ 2. Amend section 16.504 by removing paragraph (a)(4)(v) and redesignating paragraphs (a)(4)(vi) and (a)(4)(vii) as paragraphs (a)(4)(v) and (a)(4)(vi), respectively.

■ 3. Amend section 16.506 by adding paragraph (j) to read as follows.

16.506 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

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(j) Insert the clause at 52.216–32, Task-Order and Delivery-Order Ombudsman, in solicitations and contracts when a multiple-award indefinite-delivery indefinite-quantity contract is contemplated. Use the clause with its Alternate I when the contract will be available for use by multiple agencies (e.g., Governmentwide acquisition contracts or multi-agency contracts). When placing orders under the multiple-award contract available for use by multiple agencies, the ordering activity's contracting officer shall complete paragraph (d)(2) and include Alternate I in the notice of intent to place an order, and in the resulting order.

PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

■ 4. Add section 52.216–32 to read as follows:

52.216–32 Task-Order and Delivery-Order Ombudsman.

As prescribed in 16.506(j), use the following clause: Task-Order and Delivery-Order Ombudsman (Sep 2019)

(a) In accordance with 41 U.S.C. 4106(g), the Agency has designated the following task-order and delivery-order Ombudsman for this contract. The Ombudsman must review complaints from the Contractor concerning all task-order and delivery-order

actions for this contract and ensure the Contractor is afforded a fair opportunity for consideration in the award of orders, consistent with the procedures in the contract.

[Contracting Officer to insert name, address, telephone number, and email address for the Agency Ombudsman or provide the URL address where this information may be found.]

(b) Consulting an ombudsman does not alter or postpone the timeline for any other process (e.g., protests).

(c) Before consulting with the Ombudsman, the Contractor is encouraged to first address complaints with the Contracting Officer for resolution. When requested by the Contractor, the Ombudsman may keep the identity of the concerned party or entity confidential, unless prohibited by law or agency procedure.

(End of clause)

Alternate I. As prescribed in 16.506(j), add the following paragraph (d) to the basic clause.

(d) *Contracts used by multiple agencies.*

(1) This is a contract that is used by multiple agencies. Complaints from Contractors concerning orders placed under contracts used by multiple agencies are primarily reviewed by the task-order and delivery-order Ombudsman for the ordering activity.

(2) The ordering activity has designated the following task-order and delivery-order Ombudsman for this order:

[The ordering activity's contracting officer to insert the name, address, telephone number, and email address for the ordering activity's Ombudsman or provide the URL address where this information may be found.]

(3) Before consulting with the task-order and delivery-order Ombudsman for the ordering activity, the Contractor is encouraged to first address complaints with the ordering activity's Contracting Officer for resolution. When requested by the Contractor, the task-order and delivery-order Ombudsman for the ordering activity may keep the identity of the concerned party or entity confidential, unless prohibited by law or agency procedure.

(End of clause)

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 1 and 52

[FAC 2019–04; Item II; Docket No. 2019–0002; Sequence No. 2]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document makes amendments to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) in order to make needed editorial changes.

DATES: Effective: August 7, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lois Mandell, Regulatory Secretariat Division (MVCB), 1800 F Street NW, 2nd Floor, Washington, DC 20405, 202–501–4755. Please cite FAC 2019–04, Technical Amendments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In order to update certain elements in 48 CFR parts 1 and 52 this document makes editorial changes to the FAR.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1 and 52

Government procurement.

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Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division,
Office of Government-wide Policy.

Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 1 and 52 as set forth below:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 1 and 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 51 U.S.C. 20113.

PART 1—FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM

■ 2. Amend section 1.201–1 by revising paragraph (b)(1) to read as follows:

1.201–1 The two councils.

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(b) * * *

(1) Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor,

State, Transportation, Treasury, and
Veterans Affairs; and

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PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.246–21 [Amended]

■ 3. Amend section 52.246–21 by removing from the date of the clause “(Apr 1984)” and adding “(Mar 1994)” in its place.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Chapter 1

[Docket No. FAR 2019–0002, Sequence No. 3]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2019–04; Small Entity Compliance Guide

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

ACTION: Small Entity Compliance Guide.

SUMMARY: This document is issued under the joint authority of DOD, GSA, and NASA. This *Small Entity Compliance Guide* has been prepared in

accordance with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. It consists of a summary of the rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2019–04, which amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). An asterisk (*) next to a rule indicates that a regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain further information regarding these rules by referring to FAC 2019–04, which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

DATES: August 7, 2019.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For clarification of content, contact the analyst whose name appears in the table below. Please cite FAC 2019–04 and the FAR Case number. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat Division at 202–501–4755.

RULES LISTED IN FAC 2019–04

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
I *	Ombudsman for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts	2017–020	Jackson.
II	Technical Amendments.		

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summaries for each FAR rule follow. For the actual revisions and/or amendments made by these rules, refer to the specific item numbers and subjects set forth in the documents following these item summaries. FAC 2019–04 amends the FAR as follows:

Item I—Ombudsman for Indefinite-Delivery Contracts (FAR Case 2017–020)

DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending the Federal

Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement a new clause for use in multiple-award indefinite-delivery indefinite-quantity (IDIQ) contracts that identifies the agency task-order and delivery-order ombudsman’s responsibilities and contact information. This rule implements a standardized method to provide the requisite information to contractors via a single contract clause for use by all agencies. This rule intends to minimize the impact on contractors resulting from the

variety of ways in which task-order and delivery-order ombudsman information is communicated by agencies.

Item II—Technical Amendments

Editorial changes are made at FAR 1.201–1 and 52.246–21.

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