

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Part 31****[FAR Case 93-018]****RIN 9000-AG58****Federal Acquisition Regulation;  
Definition of Bid and Proposal Costs**

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) have decided to withdraw FAR Case 93-018, Definition of Bid and Proposal Costs, published in the Federal Register at 60 FR 43508, August 21, 1995. The rule proposed revisions to the definition of bid and proposal (B&P) costs to clarify that B&P costs related to all types of funding instruments (e.g., contracts, grants, cooperative agreements, and other similar types of agreements) are allowable costs.

As a result of the public comments received in response to the proposed rule, the Councils have determined that the existing FAR definition of B&P costs should not be changed to avoid potential conflicts with cost accounting standards; imposing unnecessary

changes in certain contractor accounting practices; and possible misinterpretations of the proposed B&P cost definition.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Jeremy Olson at 202-501-3221 in reference to this FAR case. For general information, contact the FAR Secretariat, Room 4041, GS Building, Washington, DC 20405 (202) 501-4755. Please cite FAR case 93-018, withdrawal.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 31

Government procurement.

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