

-Accessory manufacturers
At Ease Technologies, Inc.
-Mailers
Magazine Publishers of America
Parcel Shippers Association
-Consumers/Mailbox purchasers
National Association of Homebuilders

I. Tentative Schedule

The first committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 15 and 16, 1999 at U.S. Postal Service Headquarters, 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW, Washington, DC. Subsequent meetings will be scheduled by the committee, at the same location, and are expected to occur approximately four weeks apart through approximately January 2000.

II. Nominations and Applications

Persons and organizations that will be significantly affected by this rule may apply for membership on the committee or nominate another person or organization for membership. Each nomination or application should include: (1) The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of the interests that person or organization represents; (2) evidence that the applicant or nominee is authorized to represent the interests the person proposes to represent; (3) the reasons the applicant or nominator believes its interests or those of its nominee are sufficiently different from those of organizations listed above that those interests would not be adequately represented by the members of the committee as proposed. All nominations and applications must be received by the Postal Service at the address above no later than September 14, 1999. The Postal Service reserves the right to refuse nominations and applications that do not fulfill these requirements. The Postal Service, with the advice of the convenor, will select committee members that provide adequate representation of each significantly affected interest rather than representatives of every individual and organization affected by the rule.

III. Procedures and Guidelines

(A) Facilitator

The Postal Service has selected a neutral, impartial facilitator to serve as chairman of the committee meetings. The facilitator will assist committee members conduct discussions, help committee members define issues and reach consensus, and manage the minutes, agendas, and other records of the committee.

(B) Good Faith

Committee members must be committed to negotiate in good faith and

be authorized by the individuals and/or organization(s) they represent to do so. Therefore, senior individuals within each interest group should be designated to serve on the committee. Also, committee members must commit to support the final consensus recommendation of the committee.

(C) Administrative Support

Administrative support will be provided by the Postal Service at its headquarters offices.

(D) Consensus

"Consensus" is defined for the purposes of this rulemaking as the unanimous concurrence among the committee members unless the committee explicitly adopts a different definition.

(E) Committee Procedures

Under the general guidance of the facilitator, and subject to legal requirements, the committee will establish procedures and ground rules.

(F) Records

The facilitator will prepare minutes of all committee meetings. These minutes will be placed in the public docket for this rulemaking.

Stanley F. Mires,

Chief Counsel, Legislative.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 20

[WT Docket No. 97-207; DA 99-1566]

Calling Party Pays Service Offering in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed rulemaking; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: This document extends the time for filing comments and reply comments in this proceeding to the close of business on September 17, 1999, and October 18, 1999, respectively. A modest extension has been granted to allow interested parties more time to provide more substantive and complete comments on the issues associated with Calling Party Pays (CPP).

DATES: Comments are due on or before September 17, 1999 and reply comments are due on or before October 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Levin or David Siehl, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (202) 418-1310.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following synopsis contains the text in chief of the Order Extending Comment and Reply Comment Periods, DA 99-1566, adopted August 6, 1999, and released August 6, 1999, in the proceeding on Calling Party Pays Service Offering in the Commercial Mobile Radio Services, WT Docket No. 97-207. The complete text of the entire released document containing the Order is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC Reference Information Center (Courtyard level), 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554, and also may be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services (ITS, Inc.), (202) 857-3800, 445 12th Street, SW, CY-B400, Washington, DC 20054.

Synopsis of Order Extending Comment and Reply Comment Periods

1. This document extends the time for filing comments and reply comments in the captioned proceeding to the close of business on September 17, 1999, and October 18, 1999, respectively.

2. On July 7, 1999, the Commission released a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in this proceeding that invited interested parties to comment no later than August 18, 1999, and to reply to filings by other parties no later than September 8, 1999. 64 FR 38396, July 16, 1999.

3. On August 2, 1999, the Personal Communications Industry Association (PCIA) requested an extension of the comment and reply comment dates until September 30, 1999, and October 22, 1999, respectively. PCIA cites the need for additional time to enable it to reflect in its comments the results of studies it is conducting on CPP use in other countries, and on technical and billing issues associated with CPP implementation in the United States.

4. The Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau, agrees with PCIA that a modest extension of the comment and reply comment deadlines would enable them and other interested parties to provide more substantive and complete comments on the many issues associated with CPP. Consequently, the grant of an extension of the comment deadlines will enhance the overall quality of the comments and reply comments, and will provide a more complete record for consideration.

However, extension of the comment deadlines to the dates that PCIA requests could unduly delay the Commission's determination of the issues, in view of their significance to commenting parties and the public. Therefore, it is concluded that modifying PCIA's request for the extension, as specified below, is in the public interest.

Ordering Clause

Accordingly, it is ordered, pursuant to § 1.46 of the Commission's rules regarding the time for filing comments, that the request of PCIA is granted to the extent indicated. The comment deadline in the CPP proceeding is extended to the close of business on September 17, 1999, and the reply comment deadline is extended to the close of business on October 18, 1999.

Federal Communications Commission.

Kris Monteith,

Chief, Policy Division, Wireless Telecommunications Bureau.

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GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 536

[GSAR Notice 5-421]

RIN 3090-AH07

General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Clarification on the Use of Selection Criteria for Architect-Engineer Procurements

AGENCY: Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: The General Services Administration proposes to amend the GSA Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) to provide additional guidance concerning the use of selection criteria for Architect-Engineer procurements.

DATES: Comments should be submitted in writing to address shown below on or before October 18, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments to General Services Administration, Office of Acquisition Policy, GSA Acquisition Policy Division (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4027, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cecelia L. Davis, GSA Acquisition Policy Division, (202) 219-0202.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The GSAR is proposed to be amended to supplement the language provided in the FAR on the use of selection criteria for Architect-Engineer procurements. This proposed rule would eliminate unnecessary restrictions to competition in GSA's use of geographic limitations in the evaluation process for Architect-Engineer procurements.

B. Executive Order 12866

This regulatory action was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993, and is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

C. Regulatory Flexibility Act

This proposed rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*

D. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the proposed changes to the GSAR do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or otherwise collect information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public that require approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 536

Government Procurement.

Accordingly, 48 CFR part 536 is proposed to be amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 536 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

PART 536—CONSTRUCTION AND ARCHITECT-ENGINEER CONTRACTS

2. Part 536 is proposed to be amended by adding Subpart 536.6 to read as follows:

Subpart 536.6—Architect—Engineer Services

536.602 Selection of firms for architect-engineer contracts.

536.602-1 Selection criteria.

(a) FAR 36.602-1 requires that agencies include "location in the general geographical area of the project and knowledge of locality of the project" as one of several selection criteria.

(1) This evaluation factor shall not be used as a minimum qualification requirement for determining whether a firm is eligible to compete for a proposed project.

(2) This factor shall not exceed 5 percent of the total weight of all evaluation criteria. In order to receive the maximum score for this factor, the architect-engineer firm(s) must demonstrate that at least 35 percent of the architect-engineer contract services (based on the total contract price) will be accomplished with the geographical boundaries established for the project.

(3) Under an approved class deviation from FAR 36.602-1(a)(5), this factor does not apply to projects determined by the Chief Architect of GSA to be of national significance.

(b) The public announcement (Commerce Business Daily notice) for a proposed project should identify the general geographical area of the project by either:

(1) A radius in miles or other appropriate unit of measure; or,

(2) The Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area, county(ies), state(s) surrounding the project, or other appropriate geographic boundaries.

(c) Architect-engineer selections under the Design Excellence Program shall apply the geographical evaluation criteria in the second phase.

(d) The public announcement (Commerce Business Daily notice) may require the architect-engineer of record to establish a significant production capability within the general geographical area of the project within 45 calendar days after contract award.

Dated: July 28, 1999.

Ida M. Ustad,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Acquisition Policy.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 226

[I.D. No. 120197A]

Designated Critical Habitat; Re-opening of Comment Period and Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Revision of Critical Habitat for Snake River Spring/Summer Chinook Salmon

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Public hearing and re-opening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: NMFS is re-opening the public comment period until September