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Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA 99-1850; MM Docket No. 99-279; RM-9716]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Greeley and Broomfield, CO

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition for rule making filed on behalf of Chancellor Media/Shamrock Radio, Licensees L.L.C., licensee of Station KVOF-FM, Channel 223C1, Greeley, Colorado, requesting the reallocation of Channel 223C1 to Broomfield, Colorado, as that community's first local aural transmission service, and modification of the authorization for Station KVOF-FM to specify Broomfield as its community of license. Coordinates used for Channel 223C1 at Broomfield are 40-03-15 NL and 105-04-12 WL. The petitioner's modification proposal complies with the provisions of Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules and therefore, we will not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channel 223C1 at Broomfield, Colorado, or require the petitioner to demonstrate the availability of an additional equivalent class channel.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before November 1, 1999, and reply comments on or before November 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Kevin C. Boyle, and Trena L. Klohe, Esqs., Latham & Watkins, 1001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 1300, Washington, DC 20004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Joyner, Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2180.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a synopsis of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-279, adopted September 1, 1999, and released September 10, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the FCC's Reference Information Center (Room CY-A257), 445 Twelfth Street, SW., Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Service, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20036, (202) 857-3800.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 1804, 1812 and 1852

Central Contractor Registration (CCR)

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This is a proposed rule to amend the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to include a requirement for vendors and contractors to register

through the DoD Central Contractor Registration (CCR) System.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before December 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments to Diane Thompson, NASA Headquarters Office of Procurement, Analysis Division (Code HC), Washington, DC, 20546. Comments may also be submitted by email to dthompso@hq.nasa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Thompson, (202) 358-0514, or dthompso@hq.nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

NASA is in the process of converting to a new Agency-wide accounting software system that will include financial and procurement data. This new software system is referred to as the Integrated Financial Management (IFM) System and will allow NASA to carry out its financial management functions, execute financial operations of the Agency, and report on the Agency's financial status to internal and external customers. The IFM system requires that a specific number, referred to as the vendor number, be entered for each vendor. This identifier will be used by finance for payment purposes as well as by procurement for other business information such as size standard, company address, tax identification number and DUNS number. Currently, the Department of Defense requires all of its vendors to be registered in the CCR database. When a vendor registers in CCR, they are assigned a Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code, which is the vendor identifier that NASA has chosen for its new accounting software system.

B. 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.*, because an estimated two thirds of NASA vendors are already registered in the Defense Logistics Agency/Defense Logistics Information Service (DLA/DLIS) CCR System. Therefore, an initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis has not been prepared. Comments from small entities concerning the affected NASA FAR Supplement subparts will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 601.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

An Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for data collection is

being sought under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1804, 1812, 1852

Government procurement.

Tom Luedtke,

Associate Administrator for Procurement.

Accordingly, 48 CFR Parts 1804, 1812, and 1852 are proposed to be amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 1804, 1812, and 1852 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1).

PART 1804—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

2. Subpart 1804.74 is added to read as follows:

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Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1).

Subpart 1804.74—Central Contractor Registration

1804.7400 Scope.

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures for requiring contractor registration in the DoD Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database.

1804.7401 Definitions.

“Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database,” “Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number,” “Data Universal Numbering System+4 (DUNS+4) number,” “Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Code,” and “Registered in the CCR database” are defined in the clause at 1852.204–74, Central Contractor Registration.

1804.7402 Policy.

Prospective contractors must be registered in the CCR database, prior to any award of a contract, purchase order, basic agreement, basic ordering agreement, or blanket purchase agreement. This policy applies to all types of awards except the following:

(a) Purchases made with a Government-wide commercial purchase card.

(b) Awards made to foreign vendors for work performed outside of the United States.

(c) Purchases under FAR 6.302–2, Unusual and Compelling Urgency.

1804.7403 Procedures.

(a)(1) The contracting officer shall verify that the prospective awardee is registered in the CCR database using the DUNS number or, if applicable, the DUNS+4 number, via the Internet at <http://www.ccr2000.com> or by calling toll free: 888–CCR–2423 (888–227–2423), commercial: 616–961–5757.

(2) Verification of registration is not required for orders or calls placed under contracts, basic agreements, basic ordering agreements, or blanket purchase agreements in which vendor registration was verified at the time of award of the contract or agreement.

(b) If the contracting officer determines that a prospective awardee is not registered in the CCR database, the contracting officer shall—

(1) If delaying the acquisition would not be to the detriment of the Government, proceed to award after the contractor is registered;

(2) If delaying the acquisition would be to the detriment of the Government, proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered offeror, with the written approval of the Procurement Officer; or

(3) If the offer results from an invitation for bids, determine the offer to be non-responsive and proceed to award to the next otherwise successful registered offeror.

(c) The contracting officer shall protect against improper disclosure of contractor CCR information.

1804.7404 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

Except as provided in 1804.7402, the contracting officer shall use the clause at 1852.204–74, Central Contractor Registration, in all solicitations and contracts, including those for commercial items.

PART 1812—ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS

3. In section 1812.301, paragraphs (f)(i)(A), (B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (I), and (J) are redesignated as (f)(i)(B), (C), (D), (E), (F), (G), (H), (I), (J), and (K) and new paragraph (f)(i)(A) is added to read as follows:

1812.301 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses for the acquisition of commercial items.

(f)(i) * * *

(A) 1852.204–74, Central Contractor Registration.

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PART 1852—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

4. Section 1852.204–74 is added to read as follows:

1852.204–74 Central Contractor Registration.

As prescribed in 1804.7404, insert the following clause:

Central Contractor Registration (XXX)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—

(1) *Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database* means the primary DoD repository for contractor information required for the conduct of business with NASA.

(2) *Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number* means the 9-digit number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet Information Services to identify unique business entities.

(3) *Data Universal Numbering System +4 (DUNS+4) number* means the DUNS number assigned by Dun and Bradstreet plus a 4-digit suffix that may be assigned by a parent (controlling) business concern. This 4-digit suffix may be assigned at the discretion of the parent business concern for such purposes as identifying sub-units or affiliates of the parent business concern.

(4) *Commercial Government and Entity Code (CAGE Code)* means—

(i) A code assigned by the Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS) to identify a commercial or Government entity; or

(ii) A code assigned by a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) that is recorded and maintained by DLIS in the CAGE master file.

(5) *Registered in the CCR database* means that all mandatory information, including the DUNS number or the DUNS+4 number, if applicable, and the corresponding CAGE code, is in the CCR database; the DUNS number and the CAGE code have been validated; and all edits have been successfully completed.

(b)(1) By submission of an offer, the offeror acknowledges the requirement that a prospective awardee must be registered in the CCR database prior to award, during performance, and through final payment of any contract resulting from this solicitation, except for awards to foreign vendors performing work outside of the United States.

(2) The Contracting Officer will verify that the offeror is registered in the CCR database.

(3) Lack of registration in the CCR database will make an offeror ineligible for award.

(4) DoD has established a goal of registering an applicant in the CCR database within 48 hours after receipt of a complete and accurate application via the Internet. However, registration of an applicant submitting an application through a method other than the Internet may take up to 30 days. Therefore, offerors that are not registered should consider applying for registration immediately upon receipt of this solicitation.

(c) The Contractor is responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the data within the CCR, and for any liability resulting from the Government's reliance on inaccurate or incomplete data. To remain registered in the

CCR database after the initial registration, the Contractor is required to confirm on an annual basis that its information in the CCR database is accurate and complete.

(d) Offerors and contractors may obtain information on registration and annual confirmation requirements via the Internet at <http://www.ccr2000.com> or by calling 888-CCR-2423 (888-227-2423).

(End of clause)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

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Pelagics Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS); Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA); scoping meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its intention to prepare an EIS on Federal management of the fishery for pelagic species in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) waters of the Western Pacific Region. The scope of the EIS analysis will include all activities related to the conduct of the fishery authorized and managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (FMP) and all amendments thereto. Additionally, NMFS announces its intention to prepare an EA on the fishery for pelagic species in the EEZ waters of the Western Pacific Region. The scope of the analysis of the EA will include all activities related to the conduct of the fishery for the 2-year period NMFS anticipates is necessary to prepare the EIS. Both the EIS and EA will examine the impacts of pelagics harvest on, among other things, sea turtles and seabirds.

NMFS will hold concurrent scoping meetings to provide for public input into the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts that the EIS and EA should consider. Scoping for the EIS and EA commences with publication of this document. In addition to holding the scoping meetings, NMFS is accepting written comments on the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts it

should be considering for this EIS, as well as comments on the scope of the EA.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted through December 6, 1999.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting times.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to be included on a mailing list of persons interested in the EIS should be sent to Marilyn Luipold, Pacific Islands Area Office, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting locations and special accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marilyn Luipold, 808-973-2937 or 2935 extension 204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the United States has exclusive fishery management authority over all living marine resources within the EEZ between the seaward boundary of each state or U.S. island possession seaward to 200 nautical miles from the baseline used to measure the territorial sea. The management of these marine resources is vested in the Secretary of Commerce and in eight regional fishery management councils. The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has the responsibility to prepare FMPs for the marine resources that require conservation and management in the Western Pacific Region. The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires preparation of EISs for major Federal actions significantly impacting the quality of the human environment (40 CFR 1502.9(a)).

The FMP was developed by the Council, and regulations implementing management measures were published on February 17, 1987 (52 FR 5983). An EA was prepared for the action implementing the FMP. The FMP has been amended seven times, and NEPA environmental documents (environmental assessments, categorical exclusions, findings of no significant impact, and an EIS) have been prepared for each FMP and regulatory amendment. However, many of these earlier documents have become outdated and/or focused on individual management actions, making it difficult to obtain a comprehensive view of issues and management options for the fishery as it exists today. NMFS is undertaking preparation of a comprehensive EIS in order to analyze the fishery as it is currently conducted, to address any and all impacts that

might have been overlooked in earlier analyses, and to improve management of the fishery. The Federal action under review is defined as, among other things, all activities authorized and managed under the FMP, as amended.

The EIS will present an overall picture of the environmental effects of fishing as conducted under the FMP, rather than focusing narrowly on one management action, and will include a range of reasonable management alternatives and an analysis of their impacts in order to define issues and provide clear basis for choice among options by the public, the Council, and NMFS. NMFS intends to assess the biological and socio-economic impacts that result from regulation of the pelagic fisheries of the Western Pacific Region, including license limitation, as well as present and potential controls on effort, harvest levels, location, timing, and methods of fishing. The effects on associated species, including interactions with protected species, will be assessed. NMFS intends to evaluate the significant changes that have occurred in the pelagic fisheries, including the significant cumulative effects of changes in fishing activities, socio-economics, the environment, and management. The assessment will include analysis of the cumulative or incremental impacts of actions and alternatives. Impacts associated with status quo management (i.e., continuation of fishing as currently conducted) will be presented and compared to situations simulating limits on fishing areas and/or gears over all or parts of the management area. Possible alternatives to the current conduct of the fishery include a range of area and/or seasonal closures for the longline fishery, gear restrictions and/or modifications, including prohibitions on the use of longline gear in some or all of the management area, and adjustments to requirements for handling incidental hookings and takings of protected species. The impacts of EEZ fishing activity and harvest on the marine environment will be assessed under representative alternative management scenarios that will ensure consideration of impacts that may reach beyond the EEZ. As the number of possible alternatives is virtually infinite, the EIS will not consider detailed alternatives for every aspect of the FMP. Therefore, a principal objective of the scoping and public input process is to identify a reasonable set of management alternatives that, with adequate analysis, will sharply define critical