

We will not accept competing expressions of interest for Channel 262A at Osceola or Channel 222A at Sedalia because the Commission's Rules do not contemplate the filing of expressions of interest in proceedings, such as this one, which seek to make equivalent channel substitutions. The coordinates for Channel 262A at Osceola are 39-09-58 and 92-09-52 and the coordinates for Channel 222A at Sedalia are 38-43-52 and 93-13-32.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before November 29, 1999, and reply comments on or before December 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Lauren Lynch Flick, Fisher Wayland Cooper Leader & Zaragoza, L.L.P., 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 400, Washington, D. C. 20006.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-299, adopted September 29, 1999, and released, October 8, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Information Center, 445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW., Washington, DC. 20036, (202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805.

Provisions of the Regulatory Flexibility Act of 1980 do not apply to this proceeding.

Members of the public should note that from the time a Notice of Proposed Rule Making is issued until the matter is no longer subject to Commission consideration or court review, all *ex parte* contacts are prohibited in Commission proceedings, such as this one, which involve channel allotments. See 47 CFR 1.1204(b) for rules governing permissible *ex parte* contact.

For information regarding proper filing procedures for comments, see 47 CFR 1.415 and 1.420.

List of Subjects in 47 CFR Part 73

Radio broadcasting.

Federal Communications Commission.

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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

47 CFR Part 73

[DA No. 99-2100; MM Docket No. 99-298, RM-9714]

Radio Broadcasting Services; Fairmont and St. James, MN

AGENCY: Federal Communications Commission.

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: This document requests comments on a petition filed by Minnesota Valley Broadcasting Company, Inc., proposing the reallocation of Channel 263C2 from St. James, Minnesota, to Fairmont, Minnesota, as that community's second local FM service and modification of its license for Station KXAC to specify Fairmont as its community of license. The coordinates for Channel 263C2 at Fairmont are 43-39-08 and 94-27-39. In accordance with Section 1.420(i) of the Commission's Rules, we shall not accept competing expressions of interest in the use of Channel 263C2 at Fairmont.

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before November 29, 1999, and reply comments on or before December 14, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC. 20554. In addition to filing comments with the FCC, interested parties should serve the petitioner's counsel, as follows: Jerrold Miller, Miller & Miller, P.C., P. O. Box 33003, Washington, D.C. 20033.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's Notice of Proposed Rule Making, MM Docket No. 99-298, adopted September 29, 1999, and released October 8, 1999. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in the Commission's Reference Center 445 Twelfth Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractors, International Transcription Services, Inc., 1231 20th Street, NW.,

Washington, DC. 20036, (202) 857-3800, facsimile (202) 857-3805.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Parts 204 and 252

[DFARS Case 99-D015]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Disclosure of Information

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation supplement (DFARS) to narrow the circumstances under which contractors must obtain contracting officer approval for release of unclassified information to the public. The amendments are expected to streamline the current approval process.

DATES: Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address specified below on or before December 20, 1999, to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should submit written comments on the proposed rule to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Ms. Melissa Rider, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 99-D015.

E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: dfars@acq.osd.mil.

Please cite DFARS Case 99-D015 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail correspondence should cite DFARS Case 99-D015 in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melissa Rider, (703) 602-4245. Please cite DFARS Case 99-D015.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This proposed rule adds a new subpart to the DFARS and revises the existing clause at DFARS 252.204-7000 to narrow the circumstances under which contractors must obtain contracting officer approval for release of unclassified information outside the contractor's organization. The clause at DFARS 252.204-7000 presently requires contractors to obtain approval from the contracting officer prior to release of any unclassified information related to the contract. This rule proposes amendments to the clause to limit the applicability of the approval requirement to unclassified information that may be sensitive and inappropriate for release to the public. In addition, the rule adds a third exception to the approval requirement, to exclude from the requirement information that must be disclosed to a subcontractor or prospective subcontractor for performance of its subcontract. The rule also moves the clause prescription from its present location at DFARS 204.404-70 to a new subpart at DFARS 204.7X, and adds guidance to the contracting officer related to processing contractor requests for release of information.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The 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 the rule pertains only to the administrative procedures for submission and approval of contractor requests for release of information to the public. Therefore, an initial regulatory flexibility analysis has not been performed. Comments are invited from small businesses and other interested parties. Comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subparts also will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 99-D015 in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the approval

of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 204 and 252

Government procurement.
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Therefore, 48 CFR Parts 204 and 252 are proposed to be amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 204 and 252 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 204—ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

204.404-70 [Amended]

2. Section 204.404-70 is amended by removing paragraph (a) and redesignating paragraphs (b) and (c) as paragraphs (a) and (b), respectively.

3. Subpart 204.7X is added to read as follows:

Subpart 204.7X—Safeguarding Sensitive Information

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204.7X01 Disclosure of information.
204.7X02 Contract clause.

204.7X01 Disclosure of information.

If a contractor submits a request for approval to release information in accordance with the clause at 252.204-7000, Disclosure of Information—

(a) Obtain a decision from the appropriate authority regarding the suitability of the information for release in accordance with agency procedures; and

(b) Notify the contractor of approval or disapproval for release of the information within 45 days of receipt of the contractor's request.

204.7X02 Contract clause.

(a) Use the clause at 252.204-7000, Disclosure of Information, in solicitations and contracts when—

(1) The contractor will have access to or generate unclassified information that may be sensitive and inappropriate for release to the public; and

(2) The solicitation or contract does not include the clause at FAR 52.204-2, Security Requirements.

(b) Use of the clause at 252.204-7000 does not eliminate the requirements for use of the clauses at FAR 52.224-1, Privacy Act Notification, and FAR 52.244-2, Privacy Act, in accordance with the prescriptions at FAR 24.104.

PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

4. Section 252.204-7000 is revised to read as follows:

252.204-7000 Disclosure of information.

As prescribed in 204.7X02, use the following clause:

Disclosure of Information (XXX 1999)

(a) The Contractor shall not release to anyone outside the Contractor's organization any unclassified information that may be sensitive and inappropriate for release to the public, regardless of medium (e.g., film, tape, paper, electronic), that is generated under the contract or to which the Contractor has been given access under the contract, unless—

(1) The Contracting Officer has given prior written approval;

(2) The information is otherwise in the public domain before the date of release; or

(3) The information must be disclosed to a subcontractor or prospective subcontractor for performance of its subcontract.

(b) Requests for approval shall identify the specific information to be released, the medium to be used, and the purpose for the release. The Contractor shall submit its requests to the Contracting Officer at least 45 days before the proposed release date.

(c) The Contractor shall include a similar requirement in each subcontract under this contract. Subcontractors shall submit requests for authorization to release through the prime contractor to the Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

252.204-7003 [Amended]

5. Section 252.204-7003 is amended in the introductory text by removing the reference "204.404-70(b)" and adding in its place the reference "204.404-70(a)".

252.204-7005 [Amended]

6. Section 252.204-7005 is amended in the introductory text by removing the reference "204.404-70(c)" and adding in its place the reference "204.404-70(b)".

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Research and Special Programs Administration

49 CFR Parts 192 and 195

[Docket No. RSPA-99-6355; Notice 1]

Pipeline Safety: Enhanced Safety and Environmental Protection for Gas Transmission and Hazardous Liquid Pipelines in High Consequence Areas

AGENCY: Research and Special Programs Administration (RSPA), DOT.