

payment bonds if the resultant contract is expected to exceed \$100,000. The contracting officer may revise paragraphs (b)(1) and/or (b)(2) of the clause to establish a lower percentage in accordance with 28.102-2(b). If the provision at 52.228-1 is not included in the solicitation, the contracting officer must set a period of time for return of executed bonds.

(b) * * * The contracting officer may revise paragraph (b) of the clause to establish a lower percentage in accordance with 28.102-2(c).

PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

52.228-13 [Amended]

5. Amend section 52.228-13 by revising the date of the clause to read "(July 2000)"; and in paragraph (b) of the clause by removing "50" and adding "100" in its place.

6. Revise section 52.228-15 to read as follows:

52.228-15 Performance and Payment Bonds—Construction.

As prescribed in 28.102-3(a), insert a clause substantially as follows:

Performance and Payment Bonds—Construction (July 2000)

(a) *Definitions.* As used in this clause—
Original contract price means the award price of the contract; or, for requirements contracts, the price payable for the estimated total quantity; or, for indefinite-quantity contracts, the price payable for the specified minimum quantity. Original contract price does not include the price of any options, except those options exercised at the time of contract award.

(b) *Amount of required bonds.* Unless the resulting contract price is \$100,000 or less, the successful offeror shall furnish performance and payment bonds to the Contracting Officer as follows:

(1) *Performance bonds (Standard Form 25).* The penal amount of performance bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.

(2) *Payment Bonds (Standard Form 25-A).* The penal amount of payment bonds at the time of contract award shall be 100 percent of the original contract price.

(3) *Additional bond protection.* (i) The Government may require additional performance and payment bond protection if the contract price is increased. The increase in protection generally will equal 100 percent of the increase in contract price.

(ii) The Government may secure the additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the penal amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond.

(c) *Furnishing executed bonds.* The Contractor shall furnish all executed bonds, including any necessary reinsurance agreements, to the Contracting Officer, within the time period specified in the Bid

Guarantee provision of the solicitation, or otherwise specified by the Contracting Officer, but in any event, before starting work.

(d) *Surety or other security for bonds.* The bonds shall be in the form of firm commitment, supported by corporate sureties whose names appear on the list contained in Treasury Department Circular 570, individual sureties, or by other acceptable security such as postal money order, certified check, cashier's check, irrevocable letter of credit, or, in accordance with Treasury Department regulations, certain bonds or notes of the United States. Treasury Circular 570 is published in the **Federal Register** or may be obtained from the U.S. Department of Treasury, Financial Management Service, Surety Bond Branch, 401 14th Street, NW, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Washington, DC 20227.

(e) *Notice of subcontractor waiver of protection (40 U.S.C. 270b(c)).* Any waiver of the right to sue on the payment bond is void unless it is in writing, signed by the person whose right is waived, and executed after such person has first furnished labor or material for use in the performance of the contract.

(End of clause)

7. In section 52.228-16, revise the date of the clause and paragraph (a); in paragraph (b) add "original" before the word "contract", twice; and revise paragraph (d) and Alternate I to read as follows:

52.228-16 Performance and Payment Bonds—Other Than Construction.

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Performance and Payment—Bonds Other Than Construction (July 2000)

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

Original contract price means the award price of the contract or, for requirements contracts, the price payable for the estimated quantity; or, for indefinite-quantity contracts, the price payable for the specified minimum quantity. Original contract price does not include the price of any options, except those options exercised at the time of contract award.

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(d) The Government may require additional performance and payment bond protection if the contract price is increased. The Government may secure the additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the penal amount of the existing bonds or to obtain additional bonds.

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(End of clause)

Alternate I (July 2000). As prescribed in 28.103-4, substitute the following paragraphs (b) and (d) for paragraphs (b) and (d) of the basic clause:

(b) The Contractor shall furnish a performance bond (Standard Form 1418) for the protection to the Government in an amount equal to ☐ percent of the original contract price.

(d) The Government may require additional performance bond protection if

the contract price is increased. The Government may secure the additional protection by directing the Contractor to increase the penal amount of the existing bond or to obtain an additional bond.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 31

[FAC 97-19; FAR Case 1999-013; Item VII]

RIN 9000-A162

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Deferred Research and Development (R&D) Costs

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) have agreed on a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to clarify and simplify the "Deferred research and development costs" cost principle.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The FAR Secretariat, Room 4035, GS Building, Washington, DC, 20405, (202) 501-4755, for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. For clarification of content, contact Ms. Linda Nelson, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501-1900. Please cite FAC 97-19, FAR case 1999-013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DoD, GSA, and NASA published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 4328, January 26, 2000. The proposed rule clarified and simplified the cost principle at FAR 31.205-48, Deferred research and development costs, by—

- Deleting the second sentence addressing precontract costs, as these types of costs are adequately addressed at FAR 31.205-32, Precontract costs;
- Revising the last sentence to more clearly indicate that incurred costs in excess of the contract price or grant amount for research and development (R&D) effort are unallowable and

accordingly, not reimbursable by the Government; and

- Making several editorial changes.

Three respondents submitted public comments to the proposed rule. The Councils considered all comments before agreeing to convert the proposed rule to a final rule without change.

This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under Section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration certify that this final rule will not 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 most contracts awarded to small entities use simplified acquisition procedures or are awarded on a competitive, fixed-price basis, and do not require application of the cost principle contained in this rule.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FAR do not impose 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 Part 31

Government procurement.

Dated: July 19, 2000.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR part 31 as set forth below:

PART 31—CONTRACT COST PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 31 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

2. Revise section 31.205–48 to read as follows:

31.205–48 Deferred research and development costs.

Research and development, as used in this section, means the type of technical effort described in 31.205–18 but sponsored by a grant or required in the performance of a contract. When costs are incurred in excess of either the price

of a contract or amount of a grant for research and development effort, the excess is unallowable under any other Government contract.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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48 CFR Parts 43 and 52

[FAC 97–19; FAR Case 1999–606; Item VIII]
RIN 9000–AI65

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Time-and-Materials or Labor-Hours

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

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) have agreed on a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to clarify the requirements regarding changes to time-and-materials and labor-hour contracts.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The FAR Secretariat, Room 4035, GS Building, Washington, DC, 20405, (202) 501–4755, for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. For clarification of content, contact Ms. Linda Klein, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501–3775. Please cite FAC 97–19, FAR case 1999–606.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

This final rule clarifies the requirements regarding changes to time-and-materials and labor-hour contracts. The rule changes the clause at FAR 52.243–3, Changes—Time-and-Materials or Labor-Hours, to be consistent with Alternate II of the clause at FAR 52.243–1, Changes—Fixed-Price. Alternate II is used in service contracts and most of the work performed under time-and-materials or labor-hour contracts also involves services.

DoD, GSA, and NASA published a proposed rule in the **Federal Register** at 65 FR 3762, January 24, 2000. One respondent submitted comments on the proposed rule. The comments were

considered in the development of the final rule.

This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under Section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Department of Defense, the General Services Administration, and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration certify that this final rule will not 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 contractors are entitled to an equitable adjustment to contract terms and conditions if a change order is issued under the Changes clause of the contract.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FAR do not impose 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 43 and 52

Government procurement.

Dated: July 19, 2000.

Edward C. Loeb,

Director, Federal Acquisition Policy Division.

Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 43 and 52 as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 43 and 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

PART 43—CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS

2. Amend section 43.205 by revising paragraph (c) to read as follows:

43.205 Contract clauses.

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(c) Insert the clause at 52.243–3, Changes—Time-and-Materials or Labor-Hours, in solicitations and contracts when a time-and-materials or labor-hour contract is contemplated. The contracting officer may vary the 30-day period in paragraph (c) of the clause according to agency procedures.

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