

**Subpart 213.2—Actions at or Below the Micro-Purchase Threshold**

Sec.

213.270 Use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card.

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Use the Governmentwide commercial purchase card as the method of purchase and/or method of payment for purchases valued at or below the micro-purchase threshold. This policy applies to all types of contract actions authorized by the FAR unless—

(a) The Deputy Secretary of Defense has approved an exception for an electronic commerce/electronic data interchange system or operational requirement that results in a more cost-effective payment process;

(b)(1) A general or flag officer or a member of the Senior Executive Service (SES) makes a written determination that—

(i) The source or sources available for the supply or service do not accept the purchase card; and

(ii) The contracting office is seeking a source that accepts the purchase card.

(2) To prevent mission delays, if an activity does not have a resident general or flag officer of SES member, delegation of this authority to the level of the senior local commander or director is permitted; or

(c) The purchase or payment meets one or more of the following criteria:

(1) The place of performance is entirely outside of any State, territory, or possession of the United States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

(2) The purchase is a Standard Form 44 purchase for aviation fuel or oil.

(3) The purchase is an overseas transaction by a contracting officer in support of a contingency operation as defined in 10 U.S.C. 101(a)(13) or a humanitarian or peacekeeping operation as defined in 10 U.S.C. 2302(8).

(4) The purchase is a transaction in support of intelligence or other specialized activities addressed by Part 2.7 of Executive Order 12333.

(5) The purchase is for training exercises in preparation for overseas contingency, humanitarian, or peacekeeping operations.

(6) The payment is made with an accommodation check.

(7) The payment is for a transportation bill.

(8) The purchase is under a Federal Supply Schedule contract that does not permit use of the Governmentwide commercial purchase card.

(9) The purchase is for medical services and—

(i) It involves a controlled substance or narcotic;

(ii) It requires the submission of a Health Care Summary Record to document the nature of the care purchased;

(iii) The ultimate price of the medical care is subject to an independent determination that changes the price paid based on application of a mandatory CHAMPUS Maximum Allowable Charge determination that reduces the Government liability below billed charges;

(iv) The Government already has entered into a contract to pay for the services without the use of a purchase card;

(v) The purchaser is a beneficiary seeking medical care; or

(vi) The senior local commander or director of a hospital or laboratory determines that use of the purchase card is not appropriate or cost-effective. The Medical Prime Vendor Program and the DoD Medical Electronic Catalog Program are two examples where use of the purchase card may not be cost-effective.

**PART 214—SEALED BIDDING**

7. Section 214.201–1 is added to read as follows:

**214.201–1 Uniform contract format.**

Structure awards valued above the micro-purchase threshold (e.g., contract line items, delivery schedule, and invoice instructions) in a manner that will minimize the generation of invoices valued at or below the micro-purchase threshold.

**PART 215—CONTRACTING BY NEGOTIATION**

8. Section 215.204–1 is added to read as follows:

**215.204–1 Uniform contract format.**

Structure awards valued above the micro-purchase threshold (e.g., contract line items, delivery schedule, and invoice instructions) in a manner that will minimize the generation of invoices valued at or below the micro-purchase threshold.

**PART 232—CONTRACT FINANCING**

9. Subpart 232.11—is added to read as follows:

**Subpart 232.11—Electronic Funds Transfer**

Sec.

232.1108 Payment by Governmentwide commercial purchase card.

232.1110 Solicitation provision and contract clauses.

**232.1108 Payment by Governmentwide commercial purchase card.**

The Governmentwide commercial purchase card is the mandatory EFT payment method for purchases valued at or below the micropurchase threshold, except as provided in 213.270.

**232.1110 Solicitation provision and contract clauses.**

Use the clause at 252.232–7009, Mandatory Payment by Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card, in solicitations, contracts, and agreements when—

(1) Placement of orders or calls valued at or below the micropurchase threshold is anticipated; and

(2) Payment by Governmentwide commercial purchase card is required for orders or calls valued at or below the micropurchase threshold under the contract or agreement.

**PART 252—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES**

10. Section 252.232–7009 is added to read as follows:

**252.232–7009 Mandatory Payment by Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card.**

As prescribed in 232.1110, use the following clause:

**Mandatory Payment by Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card**

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The Contractor agrees to accept the Governmentwide commercial purchase card as the method of payment for orders or calls valued at or below \$2,500 under this contract or agreement.

(End of clause)

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****48 CFR Part 250**

[DFARS Case 2000–D016]

**Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Repeal of Reporting Requirements Under Public Law 85–804**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to remove policy on submission of reports to Congress

regarding contractor requests for extraordinary contractual relief. The statutory requirement for these reports has been repealed.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 31, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Rick Layser, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, OUSD (AT&L) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0293; telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 2000-D016.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

This final rule removes DFARS 250.104. This section contained requirements for preparation of reports to Congress regarding actions taken on contractor requests for relief under the authority of Public Law 85-804. Section 901(r)(1) of the Federal Reports Elimination Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-362) repealed this reporting requirement, formerly found at 50 U.S.C. 1434.

This rule was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

**B. Regulatory Flexibility Act**

This final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577 and publication for public comment is not required. However, DoD will consider comments from small entities concerning the affects DFARS subpart in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should cite DFARS Case 2000-D016.

**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 Part 250**

Government procurement.

**Michele P. Peterson,**  
*Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.*

Therefore, 48 CFR part 250 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 250 continues to read as follows:

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

**PART 250—EXTRAORDINARY CONTRACTUAL ACTIONS**

**250.104 [Removed]**

2. Section 250.104 is removed.

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**48 CFR Parts 1801, 1808, 1811, 1813, 1816, 1819, 1835, 1842, 1851, and 1852**

**Procedural Revisions for Awards Resulting From Broad Agency Announcements**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This final rule amends the NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) to: allow grant officers to waive the submission of certain documents as part of the purchase request (PR) package for a grant; provide for the award of purchase orders, when appropriate, for awards less than the simplified acquisition threshold resulting from broad agency announcements; and make miscellaneous editorial and technical corrections.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 31, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Deback, NASA Headquarters Office of Procurement, Contract Management Division (Code HK), Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-0431, e-mail: tdeback@hq.nasa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Background**

The newly revised Grant Handbook no longer requires the submission of the NASA Research Announcement (NRA), results of the technical evaluation, and other documents as part of the PR package. The revised guidance also provides that if an action resulting from a broad agency announcement is to be awarded as a contract action and is less than the simplified acquisition threshold, the action may be completed as a purchase order. This final rule brings the NFS into agreement with the Grant handbook. Additionally, miscellaneous editorial and technical corrections are made to sections 1801.106, 1808.002-72, 1811.1, 1819.7206, 1842.7001, 1852.242-73, and Parts 1816 and 1831 to update listing of OMB approvals; correct citations, terminology, and titles; and provide consistent guidance on clause modification.

**B. Regulatory Flexibility Act**

This final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Pub Law 98-577 and publication for comments is not required. However, NASA will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected NFS subparts in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610.

**C. Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the NFS do not impose any recordkeeping or 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 1801, 1808, 1811, 1813, 1816, 1819, 1835, 1842, 1851, and 1852**

Government procurement.

**Tom Luedtke,**

*Associate Administrator for Procurement.*

Accordingly, 48 CFR parts 1801, 1808, 1811, 1813, 1816, 1819, 1835, 1842, 1851, and 1852 are amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 1801, 1808, 1811, 1813, 1816, 1819, 1835, 1842, 1851, and 1852 continues to read as follows:

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

**PART 1801—FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM**

2. In section 1801.106, revise the chart in paragraph (1) to read as follows:

**1801.106 OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.**

(1) \* \* \*

NFS Segment	OMB Control No.
1804.470 .....	2700-0098
1804.74 .....	2700-0097
1819 .....	2700-0073
1819.72 .....	2700-0078
1827 .....	2700-0052
1831 .....	2700-0080
1843 .....	2700-0054
1843.71 .....	2700-0094
NF 533 .....	2700-0003
NF 1018 .....	2700-0017
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**PART 1808—REQUIRED SOURCES OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES**

**1808.002-72 [Amended]**

3. In section 1808.002-72, amend paragraph (j) by removing “%” whenever it appears and adding “percent” in its place.