

level studies) when the employee is working in a foreign country where suitable public education is not available may be included in overseas differential pay.

(f) Contractor contributions to college savings plans for employee dependents are unallowable.

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ACTION: Small Entity Compliance Guide.

SUMMARY: This document is issued under the joint authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services and the Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

This Small Entity Compliance Guide has been prepared in accordance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. It consists of a summary of rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-06 which amend the FAR. An asterisk (*) next to a rule indicates that a regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain further information regarding these rules by referring to FAC 2005-06 which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the Internet at <http://www.acqnet.gov/far>.

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List of Rules in FAC 2005-06

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
*I	Information Technology Security (Interim)	2004-018	Davis.
II	Improvements in Contracting for Architect-Engineer Services	2004-001	Davis.
III	Title 40 of United States Code Reference Corrections	2005-010	Zaffos.
*IV	Implementation of the Anti-Lobbying Statute	1989-093	Woodson.
V	Increased Justification and Approval Threshold for DOD, NASA, and Coast Guard	2004-037	Jackson.
*VI	Addition of Landscaping and Pest Control Services to the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program.	2004-036	Marshall.
*VII	Powers of Attorney for Bid Bonds	2003-029	Davis.
*VIII	Expiration of the Price Evaluation Adjustment (Interim)	2005-002	Cundiff.
IX	Accounting for Unallowable Costs	2004-006	Olson.
X	Reimbursement of Relocation Costs on a Lump-Sum Basis	2003-002	Olson.
XI	Training and Education Cost Principle	2001-021	Olson.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summaries for each FAR rule follow. For the actual revisions and/or amendments to these FAR cases, refer to the specific item number and subject set forth in the documents following these item summaries.

FAC 2005-06 amends the FAR as specified below:

*Item I—Information Technology Security (FAR Case 2004-018)

This interim rule amends the FAR to implement the Information Technology (IT) Security provisions of the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002 (FISMA) (Title III of the E-Government Act of 2002 (E-Gov Act)).

This interim rule focuses on the importance of system and data security by contracting officials and other members of the acquisition team. The intent of adding specific guidance in the FAR is to provide clear, consistent guidance to acquisition officials and program managers; and to encourage and strengthen communication with IT security officials, chief information officers, and other affected parties.

Item II—Improvements in Contracting for Architect-Engineer Services (FAR Case 2004-001)

This final rule implements Section 1427(b) of the Services Acquisition Reform Act of 2003, which prohibits architect-engineering services from being offered under GSA multiple-award schedule contracts or under Governmentwide task and delivery order contracts unless they are awarded using the procedures of the Brooks Architect-Engineer Act and the services are performed under the direct supervision of a professional architect or engineer licensed, registered, or certified in the State, Federal district or outlying area, in which the services are to be performed. This rule is of interest to agencies and contracting officers that use GSA schedules and Governmentwide task and delivery order contracts.

Item III—Title 40 of United States Code Reference Corrections (FAR Case 2005- 010)

This final rule amends the FAR to reflect the most recent codification of Title 40 of the United States Code. No substantive changes are being made to the FAR.

*Item IV—Implementation of the Anti- Lobbying Statute (FAR Case 1989-093)

This final rule converts the interim rule published in the **Federal Register** at 55 FR 3190, January 30, 1990 to a final rule with minor changes amends the FAR to implement section 319 of the Department of the Interior and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, Public Law 101-121, which added a new section 1352 to Title 31 of the United States Code, entitled "Limitations on the use of funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions." Section 319 generally prohibits recipients of Federal contracts, grants, and loans from using appropriated funds for lobbying the executive or legislative branches of the

Federal Government in connection with a specific contract, grant or loan. It also requires that each person who requests or receives a contract, grant or cooperative agreement in excess of \$100,000 or a Federal commitment to insure or guarantee a loan in excess of \$150,000 must disclose lobbying with other than appropriated funds. The rule requires contracting officers, in accordance with FAR 3.808, to insert in all solicitations and contracts expected to exceed \$100,000 the provision at FAR 52.203-11, "Certification and Disclosure Regarding Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transaction," and the clause at FAR 52.203-12, "Limitations on Payments to Influence Certain Federal Transactions."

Item V—Increased Justification and Approval Threshold for DOD, NASA, and Coast Guard (FAR Case 2004-037)

This final rule converts the interim rule published in the **Federal Register** at 70 FR 11739, March 9, 2005, to a final rule with minor changes. The rule amended the FAR by increasing the justification and approval thresholds for DoD, NASA, and the U.S. Coast Guard from \$50 million to \$75 million. This change implemented section 815 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005, which amends 10 U.S.C. 2304(f)(1)(B). In addition, corresponding changes have been made to FAR 13.501. The rule will reduce administrative burden for ordering activities.

***Item VI—Addition of Landscaping and Pest Control Services to the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program (FAR Case 2004-036)**

This final rule finalizes, without change, the interim rule published in the **Federal Register** at 70 FR 11740, March 9, 2005. The rule implements Section 821 of the Ronald W. Reagan National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005. Section 821 amended Section 717 of the Small Business Competitiveness Demonstration Program Act of 1988 by adding landscaping and pest control services to the program. As a result, agencies are precluded from considering acquisitions

for landscaping and pest control services over the emerging small business reserve amount, currently \$25,000, for small business set-asides unless the set-asides are needed to meet their assigned goals. The change may impact small businesses because these awards were previously set-aside for small businesses.

***Item VII—Powers of Attorney for Bid Bonds (FAR Case 2003-029)**

This final rule is of particular interest to contracting officers and offerors in acquisitions of construction that require a bid bond. This rule was initiated at the request of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy to resolve the controversy surrounding contracting officers' decisions regarding the evaluation of bid bonds and accompanying powers of attorney. This rule amends the FAR to revise the policy relating to acceptance of copies of powers of attorney accompanying bid bonds. This revision to FAR parts 19 and 28 removes the matter of authenticity and enforceability of powers of attorney from a contracting officer's responsiveness determination, which is based solely on documents available at the time of bid opening. Instead, the rule instructs contracting officers to address these issues after bid opening.

***Item VIII—Expiration of the Price Evaluation Adjustment (FAR Case 2005-002)**

This interim rule cancels the authority for civilian agencies, other than NASA and the U.S. Coast Guard, to apply the price evaluation adjustment to certain small disadvantaged business concerns in competitive acquisitions. The change is required because the statutory authority for the adjustments has expired. As a result, certain small disadvantaged business concerns will no longer benefit from the adjustments. DoD, NASA, and the U.S. Coast Guard are authorized to continue applying the price evaluation adjustment.

Item IX—Accounting for Unallowable Costs (FAR Case 2004-006)

This final rule amends FAR 31.201-6, Accounting for unallowable costs, by

adding paragraphs (c)(2) through (c)(5) to provide specific criteria on the use of statistical sampling as an acceptable practice to identify unallowable costs, including the applicability of penalties for failure to exclude certain projected unallowable costs. The final rule also amends FAR 31.109, Advance agreements, by adding "statistical sampling methods" as an example of the type of item for which an advance agreement may be appropriate. The case was initiated by the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, who established an interagency ad hoc committee to perform a comprehensive review of FAR Part 31, Contract Cost Principles and Procedures. The rule is of particular importance to contracting officers and contractors who negotiate contracts and modifications, and determine costs in accordance with FAR Part 31.

Item X—Reimbursement of Relocation Costs on a Lump-Sum Basis (FAR Case 2003-002)

This final rule amends FAR 31.205-35 to permit contractors the option of being reimbursed on a lump-sum basis for three types of employee relocation costs: (1) costs of finding a new home, (2) costs of travel to the new location, and (3) costs of temporary lodging. These three types of costs are in addition to the miscellaneous relocation costs for which lump-sum reimbursements are already permitted.

Item XI—Training and Education Cost Principle (FAR Case 2001-021)

This final rule amends the FAR by revising the contract cost principle at FAR 31.205-44, Training and education costs. The amendment streamlines the cost principle and increases clarity by eliminating restrictive and confusing language, and by restructuring the rule to list only specifically unallowable costs.

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