# **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

# GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

# NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Parts 19, 52, and 53

[FAC 2001–01; FAR Case 2000–302; Item

RIN 9000-AI93

# Federal Acquisition Regulation; Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999

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

**ACTION:** Interim rule with request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Civilian Agency
Acquisition Council and the Defense
Acquisition Regulations Council
(Councils) have agreed on an interim
rule to amend the Federal Acquisition
Regulation (FAR) to implement section
803 of the Small Business
Reauthorization Act of 2000, part of the
Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001.
Section 803 amended section 8(d) of the
Small Business Act by adding an
additional subcontracting plan goal
requirement for service-disabled
veteran-owned small business concerns.

DATES: Effective Date: October 22, 2001.

Comment Date: Interested parties should submit comments to the FAR Secretariat at the address shown below on or before December 21, 2001 to be considered in the formulation of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Attn: Ms. Laurie Duarte, Washington, DC 20405.

Submit electronic comments via the Internet to: farcase.2000—302@gsa.gov

Please submit comments only and cite FAC 2001–01, FAR case 2000–302, in all correspondence related to this case.

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. Rhonda Cundiff at (202) 501–0044. Please cite FAR case 2000–302.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

# A. Background

This interim rule amends the FAR to implement section 803 of the Small

Business Reauthorization Act of 2000, part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106–554).

The Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106–50) established new assistance programs for veterans and service-disabled veterans who own and operate small businesses. Specifically, the Act—

- Defines the terms "small business concern owned and controlled by veterans" and "small business concern owned and controlled by servicedisabled veterans";
- Establishes that veteran-owned and service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses be afforded maximum practical opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts awarded by any Federal agency:
- Establishes a requirement to include a goal for veteran-owned small businesses in subcontracting plans underFAR 52.219–9;
- Establishes a 3 percent Governmentwide goal (based on the total value of all prime contract and subcontract awards) for participation by service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses; and
- Adds data collection requirements for prime and subcontract awards to veteran-owned small businesses and service disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

DoD, GSA, and NASA published an interim FAR rule in the Federal Register at 65 FR 60542, October 11, 2000, to implement this statute. Twenty-nine respondents submitted comments in response to the interim rule. The Councils considered all comments and made no changes as a result. Two public comments merit noting. The first recommended that the FAR specifically reference the statutory 3 percent goal for service-disabled veteran-owned small business. The Councils have not adopted this recommendation. The FAR does not specify the statutory Governmentwide goals for any small business category because they have no regulatory purpose for agencies. Statutory goals for small businesses are established on a Governmentwide basis. Within these Governmentwide goals, SBA negotiates separate annual goals for each small business category with each agency. The individual agency goals attempt to reflect the agency mission and its contracting requirements, and these individual agency goals may be higher or lower than the Governmentwide goal. SBA then tracks cumulative agency achievements against the Governmentwide goal. Accordingly, specifying the 3 percent service-

disabled veteran-owned small business goals in the FAR is inappropriate in that only the goal negotiated with SBA is relevant to that agency. The second public comment recommended that the FAR establish a requirement for a separate subcontracting plan goal for service-disabled veteran-owned small business. The Councils concur in this recommendation, but could not make this change in the first interim rule. That rule was based solely on the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999. Section 501(c) of the Act established a subcontracting plan goal requirement for veteran-owned small businesses, but not for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. The interim rule accurately reflected this statutory change.

However, section 803 of the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000, part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106–554) was subsequently enacted on December 21, 2000. Section 803 amended section 8(d) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C 637(d)) by adding an additional subcontracting plan goal requirement for service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns. This interim rule adds the new statutory subcontracting plan goal requirement for service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns.

Public comments are specifically sought on the service-disabled veteranowned small business subcontracting plan goal changes. Since public comments received in response to the first interim rule have already been addressed, only comments on the issue unique to the second interim rule need to be submitted.

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 is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

# B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The changes may 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 adds a new statutory subcontracting plan goal requirement for service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns. An Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis (IRFA) has been prepared and is summarized as follows:

This interim rule amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation to implement section 803 of the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000, part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106–554). Section 803 supplements the Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (Pub. L. 106-50) by adding a separate subcontracting plan goal requirement for service-disabled veteranowned small business concerns. There are approximately 4 to 5.5 million small businesses owned and controlled by veterans and 100,000 to 300,000 small businesses owned and controlled by service-disabled veterans. This rule does not duplicate, overlap, or conflict with other relevant Federal regulations. There are no alternatives to the interim rule that would accomplish the stated objectives.

The FAR Secretariat has submitted a copy of the IRFA to the Chief Counsel for Advocacy of the Small Business Administration. Interested parties may obtain a copy from the FAR Secretariat. The Councils will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR Parts 19, 52, and 53 in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Interested parties must submit such comments separately and should cite 5 U.S.C 601, et seq. (FAC 2001-01, FAR case 2000-302), in correspondence.

# C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act (Pub. L. 104-13) applies; however, this interim rule only requires contractors to report, as a separate item, information already collected and reported under OMB Control Numbers 9000-0006 and 9000-0007. The impact on the information collection hours of these OMB clearances is so small as to be within the estimating parameters of these clearances. Therefore, the clearances have not been changed.

# D. Determination to Issue an Interim Rule

A determination has been made under authority of the Secretary of Defense (DoD), the Administrator of General Services (GSA), and the Administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) that urgent and compelling reasons exist to promulgate this interim rule without prior opportunity for public comment. This action is necessary in order to implement section 803 of the Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000, part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2001 (Pub. L. 106-554). However, pursuant to Pub. L. 98-577 and FAR 1.501, the Councils will consider public comments received in response to this interim rule in formulating the final

# List of Subjects in 48 CFR parts 19, 52, and 53

Government procurement.

Dated: October 12, 2001.

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Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 19, 52, and 53 as set forth below:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 19, 52, and 53 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 19—SMALL BUSINESS **PROGRAMS**

# 19.704 and 19.705 [Amended]

- 2. Amend sections 19.704 and 19.705 as follows:
- a. Add "service-disabled veteranowned small business," after the phrase "veteran-owned small business," in the following sections:

19.704(a)(1), (a)(2), (a)(3), (a)(6), (a)(8),

and (a)(11)

19.705-4(c) (twice)

19.705–4(d)(1) and (d)(5);

b. Remove "(including servicedisabled veteran-owned small business)" and add ", service-disabled veteran-owned small business" in the following sections:

19.705-2(d)

19.705-7(a)

19.705-7(d) (twice)

19.706(b)

19.706(c)

19.708(c)(1), (c)(2), and (c)(3).

# PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

- 3. Amend section 52.219-9 as follows:
- a. Revise the date of the clause;
- b. Add "service-disabled veteranowned small business," after the phrase "veteran-owned small business," in the following sections:

52.219-9(c) (twice)

52.219–9(d)(1), (d)(8), (d)(11),

(d)(11)(i), and (d)(11)(ii)

52.219-9(e)(1) (twice), (e)(2) and (e)(3)

Alternate I(c) (twice)

Alternate II(c) (twice);

and

- c. Redesignate paragraphs (d)(2)(iv) through (d)(2)(vi) as (d)(2)(v) through (d)(2)(vii), respectively; and add a new paragraph (d)(2)(iv);
- d. Redesignate paragraphs (d)(3)(iii) through (d)(3)(v) as (d)(3)(iv) through (d)(3)(vi), respectively; and add a new paragraph (d)(3)(iii);
- e. In the second sentence of paragraph (d)(5), add "service-disabled veteranowned small," after the phrase "veteranowned small,";

- f. Redesignate paragraphs (d)(6)(iii) through (d)(6)(v) as (d)(6)(iv) through (d)(6)(vi), respectively; and add a new paragraph (d)(6)(iii);
- g. In the second sentence of paragraph (d)(10)(iii), add "HUBZone small business concerns," after the phrase "service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns,";
- h. Redesignate paragraphs (d)(11)(iii)(Č) through (d)(11)(iii)(F) as (d)(11)(iii)(D) through (d)(11)(iii)(G), respectively; and add a new paragraph (d)(11)(iii)(C); and
- i. In Alternates I and II of the clause, remove "(Oct 2000)" and add "(Oct 2001)" in their places.

The revised and added text reads as follows:

# 52.219-9 Small Business Subcontracting Plan.

# SMALL BUSINESS SUBCONTRACTING **PLAN (OCT 2001)**

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(iv) Total dollars planned to be subcontracted to service-disabled veteranowned small business;

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(iii) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns;

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(iii) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns;

\* (11) \* \* \*

(iii) \* \* \*

(C) Whether service-disabled veteranowned small business concerns were solicited and, if not, why not;

4. In section 52.219-10, revise the date of the clause; and in paragraph (a) and the first sentence of paragraph (b) of the clause, remove "(including service-disabled veteran-owned small business)" and add ", service-disabled veteran-owned small business" in their places. The revised text reads as follows:

# 52.219-10 Incentive Subcontracting Program.

INCENTIVE SUBCONTRACTING

# PROGRAM (OCT 2001)

### PART 53—FORMS

# 53.219 [Amended]

5. Amend section 53.219 in paragraphs (a) and (b) by removing "(Rev. 10/00)" and adding "(Rev. 10/01)" in their places.

6. Revise sections 53.301–294 and 53.301–295 to read as follows:

53.301-294 Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts.

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#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. This report is not required from small businesses.
- 2. This report is not required for commercial items for which a commercial plan has been approved, nor from large businesses in the Department of Defense (DOD) Test Program for Negotiation of Comprehensive Subcontracting Plans. The Summary Subcontract Report (SF 295) is required for contractors operating under one of these two conditions and should be submitted to the Government in accordance with the instructions on that form.
- 3. This form collects subcontract award data from prime contractors/subcontractors that: (a) hold one or more contracts over \$500,000 (over \$1,000,000 for construction of a public facility); and (b) are required to report subcontracts awarded to Small Business (SB), Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB), Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB), HUBZone Small Business (HUBZone SB), Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB) and Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business concerns under a subcontracting plan. For the Department of Defense (DOD), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Coast Guard, this form also collects subcontract award data for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Institutions (MIs).
- 4. This report is required for each contract containing a subcontracting plan and must be submitted to the administrative contracting officer (ACO) or contracting officer in a CO is assigned, semi-annually during contract performance for the periods ended March 31st and September 30th. A separate report is required for each contract at contract completion. Reports are due 30 days after the close of each reporting period unless otherwise directed by the contracting officer. Reports are required when due, regardless of whether there has been any subcontracting activity since the inception of the contract or since the previous report.
- 5. Only subcontracts involving performance in the U.S. or its outlying areas should be included in this report.
- 6. Purchases from a corporation, company, or subdivision that is an affiliate of the prime/subcontractor are  $\underline{not}$  included in this report.
- 7. Subcontract award data reported on this form by prime contractors/subcontractors shall be limited to awards made to their immediate subcontractors. Credit <u>cannot</u> be taken for awards made to lower tier subcontractors.

#### **SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS**

- BLOCK 2: For the Contractor Identification Number, enter the nine-digit Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number that identifies the specific contractor establishment. If there is no DUNS number available that identifies the exact name and address entered in Block 1, contact Dun and Bradstreet Information Services at 1-800-333-0505 to get one free of charge over the telephone. Be prepared to provide the following information: (1) Company name; (2) Company address; (3) Company telephone number; (4) Line of business; (5) Chief executive officer/key manager; (6) Date the company was started; (7) Number of people employed by the company; and; (8) Company affiliation.
- **BLOCK 4:** Check only one. Note that all subcontract award data reported on this form represents activity since the inception of the contract through the date indicated in this block.
- BLOCK 5: Check whether this report is a "Regular," "Final," and/or "Revised" report. A "Final" report should be checked only if the contractor has completed the contract or subcontract reported in Block 7. A "Revised" report is a change to a report previously submitted for the same period.
- **BLOCK 6:** Identify the department or agency administering the majority of subcontracting plans.
- **BLOCK 7:** Indicate whether the reporting contractor is submitting this report as a prime contractor or subcontractor and the prime contract or subcontract number.
- **BLOCK 8:** Enter the name and address of the Federal department or agency awarding the contract or the prime contractor awarding the subcontract.

- **BLOCK 9:** Check the appropriate block to indicate whether indirect costs are included in the dollar amounts in blocks 10a through 14. To ensure comparability between the goal and actual columns, the contractor may include indirect costs in the actual column only if the subcontracting plan included indirect costs in the goal.
- BLOCKS 10a through 16: Under "Current Goal," enter the dollar and percent goals in each category (SB, SDB, WOSB, VOSB, service-disabled VOSBs, and HUBZone SB) from the subcontracting plan approved for this contract. (If the original goals agreed upon at contract award have been revised as a result of contract modifications, enter the original goals in Block 16. The amounts entered in Blocks 10a through 15 should reflect the revised goals.) Under "Actual Cumulative," enter actual subcontract achievements (dollar and percent) from the inception of the contract through the date of the report shown in Block 4. In cases where indirect costs are included, the amounts should include both direct awards and an appropriate prorated portion of indirect awards.
- BLOCK 10a: Report all subcontracts awarded to SBs including subcontracts to SDBs, WOSBs, VOSBs, service-disabled VOSBs, and HUBZone SBs. For DOD, NASA, and Coast Guard contracts, include subcontracting awards to HBCUs and Mis.
- **BLOCK 10b:** Report all subcontracts awarded to large businesses (LBs).
- BLOCK 10c: Report on this line the total of all subcontracts awarded under this contract (the sum of lines 10a and 10b).
- BLOCKS 11 through 16: Each of these items is a subcategory of Block 10a. Note that in some cases the same dollars may be reported in more than one block (e. g., SDBs owned by women or veterans).
- BLOCK 11: Report all subcontracts awarded to SDBs (including women-owned, veteran-owned, service-disabled VOSBs, and HUBZone SB SDBs). For DOD, NASA, and Coast Guard contracts, include subcontract awards to HBCUs and MIs.
- BLOCK 12: Report all subcontracts awarded to Women-Owned firms (including SDBs, VOSB's, service-disabled VOSBs, and HUBZone SBs owned by women).
- BLOCK 13 (For contracts with DoD, NASA, and Coast Guard): Report all subcontracts with HBCUs/MIs. Complete the column under "Current Goal" only when the subcontracting plan establishes a goal.
- **BLOCK 14:** Report all subcontracts awarded to HUBZone SBs (including women-owned, veteran-owned, service-disabled VOSBs, and SDB HUBZone SBs).
- **BLOCK 15:** Report all subcontracts awarded to VOSBs including service-disabled VOSBs (include VOSBs that are also SDBs, WOSBs and HUBZone SBs.).
- **BLOCK 16:** Report all subcontracts awarded to service-disabled veteran-owned SB concerns that are also SDBs, WOSBs, and HUBZone SBs.
- **BLOCK 17:** Enter a short narrative explanation if (a) SB, SDB, WOSB, VOSBs, Service-Disabled VOSBs, or HUBZone SB accomplishments fall below that which would be expected using a straight-line projection of goals through the period of contract performance; or (b) if this is a final report, any one of the three goals was not met.

# **DEFINITIONS**

- 1. Direct Subcontract Awards are those that are identified with the performance of one or more specific Government contract(s).
- 2. Indirect costs are those which, because of incurrence for common or joint purposes, are not identified with specific Government contracts; these awards are related to Government contract performance but remain for allocation after direct awards have been determined and identified to specific Government contracts.

# **DISTRIBUTION OF THIS REPORT**

#### For the Awarding Agency or Contractor:

The original copy of this report should be provided to the contracting officer at the agency or contractor identified in Block 8. For contracts with DOD, a copy should also be provided to the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) at the cognizant Defense Contract Management Area Operations (DCMAO) office.

# For the Small Business Administration (SBA):

A copy of this report must be provided to the cognizant Commerical Market Representative (CMR) at the time of a compliance review. It is NOT necessary to mail the SF 294 to SBA unless specifically requested by the CMR.

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#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. This report is not required from small businesses.
- 2. This form collects subcontract award data from prime contractors/subcontractors that: (a) hold one or more contracts over \$500,000 (over \$1,000,000 for construction of a public facility); and (b) are required to report subcontracts awarded to Small Business (SB), Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB), Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB), Veteran-Owned Small Business (VOSB), Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business, and HUBZone SM concerns under a subcontracting plan. For the Department of Defense (DOD), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), and the Coast Guard, this form also collects subcontract award data for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Institutions (Mis).
- 3. This report must be submitted semi-annually (for the six months ended March 31st and the twelve months ended September 30th) for contracts with the Department of Defense (DOD) and annually (for the twelve months ended September 30th) for contracts with civilian agencies, except for contracts covered by an approved Commercial Plan (see special instructions in right-hand column). Reports are due 30 days after the close of each reporting period.
- 4. This report may be submitted on a corporate, company, or subdivision (e.g., plant or division operating on a separate profit center) basis, unless otherwise directed by the agency awarding the contract.
- 5. If a prime contractor/subcontractor is performing work for more than one Federal agency, a separate report shall be submitted to each agency covering only that agency's contracts, provided at least one of that agency's contracts is over \$500,000 (over \$1,000,000 for construction of a public facility) and contains a subcontracting plan. (Note that DOD is considered to be a single agency; see next instruction.)
- For DOD, a consolidated report should be submitted for all contracts awarded by military departments/agencies and/or subcontracts awarded by DOD prime contractors. However, DOD contractors involved in construction and related maintenance and repair must submit a separate report for each DOD component.
- 7. Only subcontracts involving performance in the U.S. or its outlying areas should be included in this report.
- 8. Purchases from a corporation, company, or subdivision that is an affiliate of the prime/subcontractor are <u>not</u> included in this report.
- Subcontract award data reported on this form by prime contractors/subcontractors shall be limited to awards made to their immediate subcontractors. Credit cannot be taken for awards made to lower tier subcontractors.
- 10. See special instructions in right-hand column for Commercial Plans.

#### SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS

- BLOCK 2: For the Contractor Identification Number, enter the nine-digit Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number that identifies the specific contractor establishment. If there is no DUNS number available that identifies the exact name and address entered in Block 1, contact Dun and Bradstreet Information Services at 1-800-333-0505 to get one free of charge over the telephone. Be prepared to provide the following information: (1) Company name; (2) Company address; (3) Company telephone number; (4) Line of business; (5) Chief executive officer/key manager; (6) Date the company was started; (7) Number of people employed by the company; and (8) Company affiliation.
- BLOCK 4: Check only one. Note that March 31 represents the six months from October 1st and that September 30th represents the twelve months from October 1st. Enter the year of the reporting period.
- BLOCK 5: Check whether this report is a "Regular," "Final," and/or "Revised" report. A "Final" report should be checked only if the contractor has completed all the contracts containing subcontracting plans awarded by the agency to which it is reporting. A "Revised" report is a change to a report previously submitted for the same period
- BLOCK 6: Identify the department or agency administering the majority of subcontracting plans.
- BLOCK 7: This report encompasses all contracts with the Federal Government for the agency to which it is submitted, including subcontracts received from other large businesses that have contracts with the same agency. Indicate in this block whether the contractor is a prime contractor, subcontractor, or both (check only contract).
- BLOCK 8: Check only one. Check "Commercial Plan" only if this report is under an approved Commercial Plan. For a Commercial Plan, the contractor must specify the percentage of dollars in Blocks 10a through 15b attributable to the agency to which this report is being submitted.
- BLOCK 9: Identify the major product or service lines of the reporting organization.
- BLOCKS 10a through 16: These entries must include all subcontract awards resulting from contracts or subcontracts, regardless of dollar amount, received from the agency to which this report is submitted. If reporting as a subcontractor, report all subcontracts awarded under prime contracts. Amounts must include both direct awards and an appropriate prorated portion of indirect awards. (The indirect portion is based on the percentage of work being performed

for the organization to which thereport is being submitted in relation to other work being performed by the prime contractor/subcontractor.} Do not include awards made in support of commercial business unless "Commercial" is checked in Block 8 (see Special Instructions for Commercial Plans in right hand column). Report only those dollars subcontracted this fiscal year for the period indicated in Block 4.

BLOCK 10a: Report all subcontracts awarded to SBs including subcontracts to SDBs, WOSBs, VOSBs, Service-Disabled VOSBs, and HUBZone SBs. For DOD, NASA, and Coast Guard contracts, include subcontracting awards to HBCUs and MIs

BLOCK 10b: Report all subcontracts awarded to large businesses (LBs).

BLOCK 10c: Report on this line the grand total of all subcontracts (the sum of lines 10a and 10b).

BLOCKS 11 through 16: Each of these items is a subcategory of Block 10a. Note that in some cases the same dollars may be reported in more than one block (e.g., SDBs owned by women); likewise subcontracts to HBCUs or MIs should be reported on both Block 11 and 13.

BLOCK 11: Report all subcontracts awarded to SDBs (including women-owned, veteran-owned, service-disabled VOSBs, and HUBZone SB SDBs). For DOD, NASA, and Coast Guard contracts, include subcontract awards to HBCUs and MIs.

BLOCK 12: Report all subcontracts awarded to WOSB firms (including SDBs, VOSBs, service-disabled VOSBs, and HUBZone SBs owned by women).

**BLOCK 13:** (For contracts with DOD, NASA, and Coast Guard): Enter the dollar value of all subcontracts with HBCUs/Mls.

BLOCK 14: Report all subcontracts awarded to HUBZone SBs (including women-owned, veteran-owned, service-disabled VOSBs, and SDB HUBZone SBs).

**BLOCK15**: Report all subcontracts awarded to VOSBs (including women-owned, SDB, and HUBZone SB VOSBs).

BLOCK 16: Report all subcontracts awarded to service disabled VOSBs (including Service-Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business Concerns that are SDBs, WOSBs, and HUBZone SBs). These subcontracts should also be reported in Block 15.

#### **SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMMERCIAL PLANS**

- 1. This report is due on October 30th each year for the previous fiscal year ended September 30th.
- The annual report submitted by reporting organizations that have an approved company-wide annual subcontracting plan for commercial items shall include all subcontracting activity under commercial plans in effect during the year and shall be submitted in addition to the required reports for other-than-commercial items, if any.
- 3. Enter in Blocks 10a through 15b the total of all subcontract awards under the contractor's Commercial Plan. Show in Block 8 the percentage of this total that is attributable to the agency to which this report is being submitted. This report must be submitted to each agency from which contracts for commercial items covered by an approved Commercial Plan were received.

#### DEFINITIONS

- Direct Subcontract Awards are those that are identified with the performance of one or more specific Government contract(s).
- 2. Indirect Subcontract Awards are those which, because of incurrence for common or joint purposes, are not identified with specific Government contracts; these awards are related to Government contract performance but remain for allocation after direct awards have been determined and identified to specific Government contracts.

#### SUBMITTAL ADDRESSES FOR ORIGINAL REPORT

For DOD Contractors, send reports to the cognizant contract administration office as stated in the contract.

For Civilian Agency Contractors, send reports to awarding agency:

- NASA: Forward reports to NASA, Office of Procurement (HS), Washington, DC 20546
- OTHER FEDERAL DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES: Forward report to the OSDBU Director unless otherwise provided for in instructions by the Department or Agency.

#### FOR ALL CONTRACTORS:

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (SBA): Send "info copy" to the cognizant Commercial Market Representative (CMR) at the address provided by SBA. Call SBA Headquarters in Washington, DC at (202) 205-6475 for correct address if unknown.

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

# GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

# NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

# 48 CFR Part 19

[FAC 2001–01, FAR Case 2001–001; Item VII

RIN 9000-AJ16

# Federal Acquisition Regulation; Very Small Business Pilot Program

**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) by extending, for three
additional years, the Very Small
Business Pilot Program until September
30, 2003. This rule implements section
503(c) of the Small Business
Reauthorization Act of 2000 (part of
Public Law 106–554).

**DATES:** Effective Date: December 21, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The FAR Secretariat, Room 4035, GS Building, Washington, DC, 20405, at (202) 501–4755 for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. For clarification of content, contact Ms. Rhonda Cundiff, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501–0044. Please cite FAC 2001–01, FAR case 2001–001

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

# A. Background

This final rule amends paragraph (c) of section 19.901 to implement section 503(c) of the Small Business

Reauthorization Act of 2000 (part of Public Law 106-554). Section 503(c) amends Section 304 of Public Law 103-403 (15 U.S.C. 644 note) to extend the pilot program through September 30, 2003. The purpose of the program is to improve access to Government contract opportunities for concerns that are substantially below SBA's size standards by reserving certain acquisitions for competition among such concerns. 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 is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

# **B. Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The 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, the Councils will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR Part in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Interested parties must submit such comments separately and should cite 5 U.S.C. 601, et seq. (FAC 2001–01, FAR case 2001–001), in correspondence.

# C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the rule does not impose any new information collection requirements that require Office of Management and Budget approval under 44 U.S.C. 3501, et seq.

# List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 19

Government Procurement.

Dated: October 12, 2001.

# Al Matera,

Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

Therefore, DoD, GSA and NASA amend 48 CFR part 19 as set forth below:

# PART 19—VERY SMALL BUSINESS PILOT PROGRAM

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 19 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).

# LIST OF RULES IN FAC 2001-01

### 19.901 [Amended]

2. Amend section 19.901 in the first sentence of paragraph (c) by removing "2000" and adding "2003" in its place. [FR Doc. 01–26301 Filed 10–19–01; 8:45 am]

#### **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

# GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

# NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

# 48 CFR Chapter 1

# Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small Entity Compliance Guide

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

**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 (Public Law 104–121). It consists of a summary of rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2001-01 which amend the FAR. An asterisk (\*) next to a rule indicates that a regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 604. Interested parties may obtain further information regarding these rules by referring to FAC 2001-01 which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the Internet at http://www.arnet.gov/far.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurie Duarte, FAR Secretariat, (202) 501–4225. For clarification of content, contact the analyst whose name appears in the table below.

Item	Subject	FAR case	Analyst
Ī	*Application of the Davis-Bacon Act to Construction Contracts With Options to Extend the Term of the Contract.	1997–613	Nelson.
II	Acquisition of Commercial Items	2000-303	Moss.
III	Prompt Payment Under Cost-Reimbursement Contracts for Services (Interim).	2000–308	Olson.
IV	Veterans' Employment	1998–614	Nelson.
V	*Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (Interim).	2000–302	Cundiff.