

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Chapter 1****[Docket No. FAR 2018–0001, Sequence  
No. 6]****Federal Acquisition Regulation;  
Federal Acquisition Circular 2019–01;  
Introduction****AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD),  
General Services Administration (GSA),and National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration (NASA).**ACTION:** Summary presentation of a final  
rule.**SUMMARY:** This document summarizes  
the Federal Acquisition Regulation  
(FAR) rule agreed to by the Civilian  
Agency Acquisition Council and the  
Defense Acquisition Regulations  
Council (Councils) in this Federal  
Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2019–01. A  
companion document, the *Small Entity  
Compliance Guide* (SECG), follows this  
FAC. The FAC, including the SECG, is  
available via the internet at [http://  
www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).**DATES:** For effective date see the  
separate document, which follows.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms.  
Cecelia Davis, Procurement Analyst, at  
202–219–0202 for clarification of  
content. For information pertaining to  
status or publication schedules, contact  
the Regulatory Secretariat Division at  
202–501–4755. Please cite FAC 2019–  
01, FAR case 2015–017.**RULE LISTED IN FAC 2019–01**

Subject	FAR case	Analyst
Combating Trafficking in Persons—Definition of “Recruitment Fees” .....	2015–017	Davis.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A  
summary for the FAR rule follows. For  
the actual revisions and/or amendments  
made by this FAR Case, refer to the  
specific item number and subject set  
forth in the document following this  
item summary. FAC 2019–01 amends  
the FAR as follows:**Combating Trafficking in Persons—  
Definition of “Recruitment Fees” (FAR  
Case 2015–017)**

This final rule amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to provide a definition of “recruitment fees” in FAR subpart 22.17 and the associated clause at FAR 52.222–50 to further implement the FAR policy on combating trafficking in persons. One element in combating trafficking in persons is to prohibit contractors from charging employees or potential employees recruitment fees.

This final rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2019–01 is issued under the authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Unless otherwise specified, all Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and other directive material contained in FAC 2019–01 is effective December 20, 2018 except for FAR Case 2015–017, which is effective January 22, 2019.

Dated: December 10, 2018.

**William F. Clark,***Director, Office of Government-wide  
Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition  
Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy.*

Dated: December 14, 2018.

**Kim Herrington,***Acting Principal Director, Defense Pricing and  
Contracting.*

Dated: December 11, 2018.

**Jeffrey A. Koses,***Senior Procurement Executive/Deputy CAO,  
Office of Acquisition Policy, U.S. General  
Services Administration.*

Dated: December 13, 2018.

**William G. Roets, II,***Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of  
Procurement National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration.*

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**BILLING CODE 6820–EP–P**and National Aeronautics and Space  
Administration (NASA).**ACTION:** Final rule.**SUMMARY:** DoD, GSA, and NASA are  
issuing a final rule amending the  
Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to  
provide a definition of “recruitment  
fees” to further implement the FAR  
policy on combating trafficking in  
persons. One element in combating  
trafficking in persons is to prohibit  
contractors from charging employees  
recruitment fees.**DATES:** *Effective Date:* January 22, 2019.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms.  
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01, FAR Case 2015–017.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Background**

This rulemaking is intended to clarify the prohibition on the charging of recruitment fees set forth in FAR subpart 22.17 and clause 52.222–50. This regulatory language reflects a final rule published by DoD, GSA, and NASA on January 29, 2015 (FAR Case 2013–001, 80 FR 4967) to implement Executive Order (E.O.) 13627, entitled “Strengthening Protections Against Trafficking in Persons in Federal Contracts,” and title XVII of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2013, entitled “Ending Trafficking in Government Contracting.” Pursuant to FAR 22.1703(a) and 52.222–50(b),

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ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Parts 22 and 52****[FAC 2019–01; FAR Case 2015–017; Docket  
No. 2015–0017; Sequence No. 1]****RIN 9000–AN02****Federal Acquisition Regulation:  
Combating Trafficking in Persons—  
Definition of “Recruitment Fees”****AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD),  
General Services Administration (GSA),