

Weekly Update Report for June 27, 2014

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

DoD Issues Proposed Rule to Amend DFARS Defense Contractors Performing Private Security Functions (DFARS Case 2014-D008)

The Department of Defense (DoD) issued proposed rule to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to address DoD-unique requirements for defense contractors performing private security functions outside the United States, <u>79</u> <u>Fed. Reg. 35713</u>. Comments on the proposed rule are due August 25, 2014, to be considered in the formation of a final rule.

DoD Issues Final Rule to Amend DFARS Private Sector Notification Requirements of In-Sourcing Actions (DFARS Case 2012-D036)

The Department of Defense (DoD) adopted as final, with changes, an interim rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement a section of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2012 regarding private sector notification of in-sourcing actions, <u>79 Fed. Reg. 35700</u>. The final rule is effective June 24, 2014.

DoD, GSA, and NASA Issue Small Entity Compliance Guide

The Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued the Small Entity Compliance Guide in accordance with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, <u>79 Fed. Reg. 35867</u>. It consists of a summary of the rules appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-75, which amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). Interested parties may obtain further information regarding these rules by referring to FAC 2005-75, which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the Internet at <u>http://www.regulations.gov</u>.

DoD, GSA, and NASA Issue Final Rule to Amend FAR Contracting With Women-Owned Small Business Concerns

The Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) adopted as final, without change, an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to remove the dollar limitation for set-asides to economically disadvantaged women-owned small business concerns and to women-owned small business concerns eligible under the

Women-Owned Small Business Program, <u>79 Fed. Reg. 35864</u>. The final rule is effective June 24, 2014.

DoD, GSA, and NASA Issue Interim Rule to Amend FAR Limitation on Allowable Government Contractor Compensation Costs

Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) issued an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement section 702 of the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013, <u>79 Fed. Reg. 35865</u>. In accordance with section 702, the interim rule revises the allowable cost limit relative to the compensation of contractor and subcontractor employees. Also, in accordance with section 702, this interim rule implements the possible exception to this allowable cost limit for scientists, engineers, or other specialists upon an agency determination that such exceptions are needed to ensure that the executive agency has continued access to needed skills and capabilities. The interim rule is effective June 24, 2014. Comments are due August 25, 2014, to be considered in the formulation of a final rule.

SMALL BUSINESS

SBA Issues Proposed Rule on Advisory Small Business Size Decisions

The Small Business Administration (SBA) issued a proposed rule to implement provisions of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2013 (NDAA) pertaining to small business size, <u>79 Fed. Reg. 35963</u>. Specifically, the rule proposes to amend the SBA's program regulations to implement statutory provisions establishing a safe harbor from fraud penalties for individuals or firms that misrepresent business concerns as being small for purposes of Federal procurement opportunities if they acted in good faith reliance upon small business status advisory opinions received from Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs) or Procurement Technical Assistance Centers (PTACs). The rule also proposes to amend SBA's regulations to establish the criteria small business status advisory opinions. Finally, the proposed rule would amend SBA's regulations to update the circumstances under which SBA may initiate a formal size determination. Comments on the proposed rule are due August 25, 2014.

Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

The Following Notices Were Issued:

<u>79 Fed. Reg. 35319</u>, June 20, 2014, proposing to add products (Cup, Disposable, Paper, Hot Food, 16 oz, White; Plate, Paper, Disposable, 3-Compartmented Tray, Rectangular, White, 8 x 10; Pad, Cleaning, Sponge and Eraser, 2PK; Slicer, Banana, Plastic; Fruit Slicer, Round; Food Chopper, Double Bladed, Stainless; Set, Salad Bowl, Event Serverware; Set, Pitcher and Tumbler, Event Serverware; Set, Ice Bucket and Goblet, Event Serverware; Server, Beverage, w Spout, 1.25G; Rack, Storage, Broom and Mop, Metal; Utility Knife, Light Duty, Retractable; Utensil, Splitter, Mango; Turner, Omelet; Scrubber Brush, Produce; Spinner, Salad; Bowl, Dressing Dispenser, Salad; Premium Grade Screwdrivers) and services (Janitorial Service U.S. Coast Guard, Air Station Atlantic City, William J. Hughes Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center, Atlantic City International Airport, FAA Technical Center, Building 350, Egg Harbor Township, NJ; Healthcare Housekeeping and Related Service U.S. Army Medical Command, Madigan Army Medical Center and affiliated Medical Treatment Facilities, Joint Base Lewis-McChord, WA; Warehouse Service Social Security Administration, Birmingham Social Security Center, 1200 Rev. Abraham Woods, Jr. Blvd., Birmingham, AL) to the Procurement List. The additions will be effective July 21, 2014.

<u>79 Fed. Reg. 35320</u>, June 20, 2014, proposing to add products (Cover, Toilet Seat, Disposable, Paper; Measuring Tool, Set, Machinist's, MMTS) and services (Administrative Contract Close-Out Support Service Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1625 Eye Street NW., Washington, DC; IT Service Desk Support Service U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service, 101B Sun Avenue NE., Suite 200, Albuquerque, NM; Janitorial, Grounds and Refuse Collection Service U.S. Air Force, Arnold Air Force Base, 100 Kindel Drive, Arnold AFB, TN; Contact Center Service Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, 7500 Security Boulevard, Baltimore, MD) to the Procurement List. Comments on the proposed additions are due July 21, 2014.