



Weekly Report for August 8, 2014

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Obama Signs Order Boosting Federal Contract Worker Rights

On Thursday, July 31, 2014, President Obama signed the [Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces Executive Order](#), to force prospective federal contractors to disclose any labor law violations within the preceding three year period. Agencies, in turn, must give greater consideration to such violations in contract awards. According to Labor Department statistics, the order applies to contractors with procurement contracts for goods and services, including construction, where the estimated value of the supplies acquired and services required exceed \$500,000, and could affect 24,000 businesses employing 28 million workers. The order is designed to give a fairer shake to companies that do comply with labor laws as well as encourage all companies to improve their records; [Obama Signs Order Boosting Federal Contract Worker Rights](#).

DoD Issues Interim Rule to Amend DFARS Foreign Commercial Satellite Services (DFARS Case 2014-D010)

The Department of Defense (DoD) issued an interim rule to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to implement a section of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2014 that prohibits acquisition of commercial satellite services from certain foreign entities, [79 Fed. Reg. 150](#). The interim rule is effective August 5, 2014.

SMALL BUSINESS

Obama Administration Achieves 2013 Small Business Federal Procurement Contracting Goal

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced, on Friday August 1, 2014, that the federal government reached its small business federal contracting goal for the first time in eight years, awarding 23.39% in federal contracts to small businesses totaling \$83.1 billion of eligible contracting dollars. Performance in four out of five of the small business prime contracting categories showed significant improvement, with increases in performance against statutory goals. While contract dollars have gone down in all categories as a result of overall reduced federal spending, small businesses still

secured a greater percentage of the contracting dollars. The SBA has worked with federal agencies to expand opportunities for small businesses to compete for and win federal contracts. Alongside the announcement, the SBA also released the FY 2013 Small Business Procurement Scorecard, which provides an assessment of each federal agency's yearly small business contracting achievement against its goal with 20 agencies receiving an A or A+. Overall, the federal government received an "A" on the government-wide Scorecard. The individual agency scorecards released today by the SBA, as well as a detailed explanation of the scorecard methodology, is available online at [Small Business Procurement Scorecards; Obama Administration Achieves 2013 Small Business Federal Procurement Contracting Goal](#).

Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

The Following Notices Were Issued:

[79 Fed. Reg. 44756](#), August 1, 2014, added products (Paper Shredder, High Security, Level 6, Cabinet Style; Paper Shredder, Desk-Side, Personal, Level 3, Cross-Cut) and services (Custodial Service, Federal Aviation Administration, Atlanta Large TRACON, 784 Highway 74 South, Peachtree City, GA; Administrative Contract Close-Out Support Service, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, 1625 Eye Street NW., Washington, DC) to the Procurement List. The additions will be effective September 1, 2014.

[79 Fed. Reg. 44755](#), August 1, 2014, proposed to add a product (Sideboard Pallet, 48" x 48") and service (Snow Removal Service, GSA, PBS, Region 5, Gerald R. Ford Federal Building, 110 Michigan Street NW., Grand Rapids, MI.) and delete products (AQL Inspection, Clamp, Loop; Biogel, Orthopro Indicator, Underglove, Green, Size 6"; Biogel, Orthopro Indicator, Underglove, Green, Size 6.5"; Biogel, Orthopro Indicator, Underglove, Green, Size 7"; Biogel, Orthopro Indicator, Underglove, Green, Size 7.5"; Biogel, Orthopro Indicator, Underglove, Green, Size 8"; Biogel, Orthopro Indicator, Underglove, Green, Size 8.5"; Biogel, Orthopro Indicator, Underglove, Green, Size 9"; Biogel, Orthopro, Overglove, Straw colored, Size 6"; Biogel, Orthopro, Overglove, Straw colored, Size 6.5"; Biogel, Orthopro, Overglove, Straw colored, Size 7"; Biogel, Orthopro, Overglove, Straw colored, Size 7.5"; Biogel, Orthopro, Overglove, Straw colored, Size 8"; Biogel, Orthopro, Overglove, Straw colored, Size 8.5"; Biogel, Orthopro, Overglove, Straw colored, Size 9") and a service (Facilities/Grounds Maintenance, Addicks Field Office and Compound Storage Yard, Barker Visitors Areas, Dams, Reservoirs & Related, 2000 Fort Point Road, Houston, TX.) from the Procurement List. Comments on the proposed additions and deletions are due September 1, 2014.