



Weekly Report for September 5, 2014

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

GSA OASIS and OASIS Small Business Contracts are Ready for Business

The General Services Administration (GSA) issued an official Notice to Proceed (NTP), on September 4, 2014, for One Acquisition Solution for Integrated Services (OASIS), a general contract procured through full and open competition among all interested businesses. As a result, both OASIS and OASIS Small Business, GSA's 100-percent small business set-aside contract, are ready for business, which means that agency customers can start using this solution set to address their complex professional services needs; [GSA OASIS and OASIS Small Business Contracts are Ready for Business.](#)

DoD Issues Proposed Rule to Update FOIA Program

The Department of Defense (DoD) issued a proposed rule to update the policy and procedures that implement the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and incorporate the provisions of the [executive order](#) directing agencies to improve the disclosure of information, [79 Fed. Reg. 170](#). This part promotes uniformity in the DoD FOIA Program. It takes precedence over all DoD Component publications that supplement and implement the DoD FOIA Program. Comments on the proposed rule are due November 3, 2014.

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Has the IRS Become Gun-Shy on Regulating Nonprofits?

In July 2014, the nonprofit Center for Public Integrity released the results of a six-month study that concluded that the exempt organizations division of the IRS has all but quit regulating politically active nonprofits in any consistent, demonstrable way. The report found, the division "bled 14% of its staff positions during the past two decades while the number of nonprofits it regulates has grown by more than 40 percent". The staff scaled back inquiries and the number of nonprofit group tax returns investigated recently fell by 10 percent, from 11,699 in 2011 to 10,575 last year. The IRS receives about 70,000 applications for tax-exempt status annually. The report shows the number of disapprovals for all categories of tax-exempt status has declined significantly, from 517 in fiscal 2010 to 91 in 2013. To streamline the backlog of applications and review

process, on July 1, 2014, Commissioner John Koskinen announced a new, shorter application form to help small charities apply for tax-exempt status, section 501(c)(3) in the tax code, more easily. The three-page Form 1023-EZ is expected to expedite processing and free the IRS up to focus on larger groups; [Has the IRS Become Gun-Shy on Regulating Nonprofits?](#)

Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled

The Following Notices Were Issued:

[79 Fed. Reg. 51561](#), August 29, 2014, proposed to delete a product (Cover Fire Extinguisher) and a service (Catering Service, Military Entrance Processing Station, Leo O'Brien Federal Building, Suite 810, Albany, NY) from the Procurement List. Comments on the proposed deletions are due September 29, 2014.

[79 Fed. Reg. 51561](#), August 29, 2014, added a service (Laundry and Linen Service, VA Tennessee Valley Healthcare System, Nashville Campus, 1310 24th Avenue South, Nashville, TN) to the Procurement List. The addition will be effective September 29, 2014.