

(a)(1) and (c) introductory text; and by removing Alternates I and II. The revised text reads as follows:

52.228-7 Insurance—Liability to Third Persons.

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Insurance—Liability to Third Persons (Marcg 1996)

(a)(1) Except as provided in subparagraph (a)(2) of this clause, the Contractor shall provide and maintain workers' compensation, employer's liability, comprehensive general liability (bodily injury), comprehensive automobile liability (bodily injury and property damage) insurance, and such other insurance as the Contracting Officer may require under this contract.

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(c) The Contractor shall be reimbursed—

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6. Section 52.245-7 is amended by revising the date of the clause and the first sentence of paragraph (j) to read as follows:

52.245-7 Government Property (Consolidated Facilities).

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Government Property (Consolidated Facilities March 1996)

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(j) *Indemnification of the Government.* The Contractor shall indemnify the Government and hold it harmless against claims for injury to persons or damage to property of the Contractor or others arising from the Contractor's possession or use of the facilities, except as specified in the clause at FAR 52.228-7, Insurance—Liability to Third Persons.* * *

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7. Section 52.245-10 is amended by revising the date of the clause and the first sentence of paragraph (f) to read as follows:

52.245-10 Government Property (Facilities Acquisition).

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Government Property (Facilities Acquisition March 1996)

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(f) *Indemnification of the Government.* The Contractor shall indemnify the Government and hold it harmless against claims for injury to persons or damage to property of the Contractor or others arising from the Contractor's possession or use of the facilities, except as specified in the clause at FAR 52.228-7, Insurance—Liability to Third Persons.* * *

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

48 CFR Part 31

[FAC 90-37; FAR Case 94-002; Item XIII]

RIN 9000-AG79

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Availability of Accounting Guide

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 have agreed on a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to advise contractors on how to obtain an informational accounting guide entitled "Guidance for New Contractors." This regulatory action was not subject to Office of Management and Budget review under Executive Order 12866, dated September 30, 1993.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 26, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Jeremy Olson at (202) 501-3221 in reference to this FAR case. For general information, contact the FAR Secretariat, Room 4037, GS Building, Washington, DC 20405 (202) 501-4755. Please cite FAC 90-37, FAR case 94-002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The final rule is the result of a recommendation by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy SWAT Team that the FAR be revised to include information on how contractors may obtain an accounting guide, published by the Defense Contract Audit Agency, to assist in developing contractors' accounting systems.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The final rule does not constitute a significant FAR revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577, and publication for public comments is not required. Therefore, the Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments must be submitted separately and cite 5 U.S.C.

601, *et seq.* (FAC 90-37, FAR case 94-002), in correspondence.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the changes to the FAR do not impose recordkeeping or information collection requirements, or collections of information from offerors, contractors, or members of the public which require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 31

Government procurement.

Dated: January 11, 1996.

Edward C. Loeb,

Acting Director, Office of Federal Acquisition Policy.

Therefore, 48 CFR Part 31 is amended as set forth below:

PART 31—CONTRACT COST PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 31 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).

2. Section 31.002 is added to read as follows:

31.002 Availability of accounting guide.

Contractors needing assistance in developing or improving their accounting systems and procedures may request a copy of the guide entitled "Guidance for New Contractors" (DCAAP 7641.90). The guide is available from: Headquarters, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Operating Administrative Office, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 2135, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060-6219; Telephone No. (703) 767-1066; Telefax No. (703) 767-1061.

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