

other representatives of Indian tribal governments "to provide meaningful and timely input in the development of regulatory policies on matters that significantly or uniquely affect their communities."

Today's rule does not significantly or uniquely affect the communities of Indian tribal governments. This action does not involve or impose any requirements that affect Indian Tribes. Accordingly, the requirements of section 3(b) of E.O. 13084 do not apply to this rule.

E. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA) generally requires an agency to conduct a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small not-for-profit enterprises, and small governmental jurisdictions. This final rule will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities because SIP approvals under section 110 and subchapter I, part D of the Clean Air Act do not create any new requirements but simply approve requirements that the State is already imposing. Therefore, because the Federal SIP approval does not create any new requirements, I certify that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Moreover, due to the nature of the Federal-State relationship under the Clean Air Act, preparation of flexibility analysis would constitute Federal inquiry into the economic reasonableness of state action. The Clean Air Act forbids EPA to base its actions concerning SIPs on such grounds. *Union Electric Co., v. U.S. EPA*, 427 U.S. 246, 255-66 (1976); 42 U.S.C. 7410(a)(2).

F. Unfunded Mandates

Under Section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 ("Unfunded Mandates Act"), signed into law on March 22, 1995, EPA must prepare a budgetary impact statement to accompany any proposed or final rule that includes a Federal mandate that may result in estimated annual costs to State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate; or to private sector, of \$100 million or more. Under Section 205, EPA must select the most cost-effective and least burdensome alternative that achieves the objectives of the rule and is consistent with statutory requirements. Section 203 requires EPA to establish a plan for informing and

advising any small governments that may be significantly or uniquely impacted by the rule.

EPA has determined that the approval action promulgated does not include a Federal mandate that may result in estimated annual costs of \$100 million or more to either State, local, or tribal governments in the aggregate, or to the private sector. This Federal action approves pre-existing requirements under State or local law, and imposes no new requirements. Accordingly, no additional costs to State, local, or tribal governments, or to the private sector, result from this action.

G. Submission to Congress and the Comptroller General

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. EPA will submit a report containing this rule and other required information to the U.S. Senate, the U.S. House of Representatives, and the Comptroller General of the United States prior to publication of the rule in the **Federal Register**. This rule is not a "major" rule as defined by 5 U.S.C. 804(2).

H. Petitions for Judicial Review

Under section 307(b)(1) of the Clean Air Act, petitions for judicial review of this action must be filed in the United States Court of Appeals for the appropriate circuit by January 8, 1999. Filing a petition for reconsideration by the Administrator of this final rule does not affect the finality of this rule for the purposes of judicial review nor does it extend the time within which a petition for judicial review may be filed, and shall not postpone the effectiveness of such rule or action. This action may not be challenged later in proceedings to enforce its requirements. (See section 307(b)(2).)

List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 52

Environmental protection, Air pollution control, Hydrocarbons, Incorporation by reference, Intergovernmental relations, Ozone, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Volatile organic compounds.

Note: Incorporation by reference of the State Implementation Plan for the State of California was approved by the Director of the Federal Register on July 1, 1982.

Dated: October 26, 1998.

Sally Seymour,

Acting Regional Administrator, Region IX.

Part 52, chapter I, title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

PART 52—[AMENDED]

1. The authority citation for Part 52 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*

Subpart F—California

2. Section 52.220 is amended by adding paragraph (c)(255)(i)(A)(2) to read as follows:

§ 52.220 Identification of plan.

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- (c) * * *
- (255) * * *
- (i) * * *
- (A) * * *
- (2) Rules 101, 442, 443, 447, 452, 456, and 458, adopted on September 5, 1996.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 253

[DFARS Case 98-D018]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Action Reporting—Reform of Affirmative Action

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to update contract action reporting requirements relating to programs for small business and small disadvantaged business concerns.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melissa Rider, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, PDUSD (A&T) DP (DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0131; telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 98-D018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

Dod uses DD Form 350, Individual Contracting Action Report, to collect data on contracting actions that obligate or deobligate more than \$25,000. This

final rule removes certain data collection requirements at DFARS 253.204-70(e) to reflect recent changes to DFARS guidance concerning programs for small disadvantaged business concerns (63 FR 41972, August 6, 1998), and the expiration of statutory provisions that permitted nonprofit agencies employing people who are blind or severely disabled to participate in acquisitions set aside for small business concerns.

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577 and publication for public comment is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should cite DFARS Case 98-D018.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the final rule does not impose any information collection requirements that 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 253

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, 48 CFR Part 253 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 253 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 253—FORMS

2. Section 253.204-70 is amended by revising paragraphs (e)(1), (2), and (3) to read as follows:

253.204-70 DD Form 350, Individual Contracting Action Report.

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(e) * * *

(1) BLOCK E1. Reserved.

(2) BLOCK E2. Reserved.

(3) BLOCK E3. Reserved.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

48 CFR Part 253

[DFARS Case 98-D009]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Contract Action Reporting—1998

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Director of Defense Procurement has issued a final rule amending the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to update and clarify contract action reporting requirements relating to awards to Federal Prison Industries and government agencies, use of letter contracts, definitization of contracts, orders under agreements and Federal Supply Schedules, simplified acquisition procedures, and women-owned business status.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Melissa Rider, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, PDUSD(A&T)DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telephone (703) 602-0131; telefax (703) 602-0350. Please cite DFARS Case 98-D009.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

DoD uses DD Form 350, Individual Contracting Action Report, to collect data on contracting actions that obligate or deobligate more than \$25,000. This final rule updates and clarifies the DD Form 350 coding instructions at DFARS 253.204-70 (b) and (d).

B. Regulatory Flexibility Act

The final rule does not constitute a significant revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501 and Public Law 98-577 and publication for public comment is not required. However, comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subpart will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should cite DFARS Case 98-D009.

C. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the final rule does not impose any information collection requirements that 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 253

Government procurement.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

Therefore, 48 CFR Part 253 is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Part 253 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 421 and 48 CFR Chapter 1.

PART 253—FORMS

2. Section 253.204-70 is amended by revising paragraphs (b)(5)(ii)(A), (b)(5)(ii)(B)(1), (b)(13)(i)(A), (b)(13)(i)(B) introductory text, (b)(13)(i)(C), (b)(13)(i)(E), (b)(13)(i)(G), (b)(13)(iv)(I), (b)(14)(iii), (b)(14)(iv), and (d)(5)(vi) to read as follows:

253.204-70 DD Form 350, Individual Contracting Action Report.

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(b) * * *

(5) * * *

(ii) * * *

(A) BLOCK B5A, CONTRACTOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER. Enter the contractor's 9-position Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (see FAR 4.602(d) and 4.603). For all actions with UNICOR/Federal Prison Industries, use DUNS number 62-662-7459.

(B) * * *

(1) *Code Y—Yes.* Enter code Y when the contractor is a Federal/State/local government agency of the United States and outlying areas (see 204.670-1(d)). Do not use code Y when the government agency is an educational institution.

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(i) * * *

(A) *Code 1—Letter Contract.* Enter code 1 when the contracting action is a letter contract or a modification to a letter contract that has not been definitized.

(B) *Code 3—Definitive Contract.* Enter code 3 when the contracting action is the award or modification of a definitive contract or a modification that definitizes a contract. Code 3 includes the following:

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(C) *Code 4—Order under an Agreement.* Enter code 4 when the contracting action is an order or definitization of an order under an agreement other than a blanket purchase agreement. Examples include an order exceeding \$25,000 under a basic ordering agreement or a master ship repair agreement and a job order when the contract is created by issuing the order. A call under a blanket purchase