

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

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48 CFR Chapter 1

[Docket FAR 2012–0080, Sequence 2]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2005–57; Introduction

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Summary presentation of an interim rule.

SUMMARY: This document summarizes the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) rule agreed to by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) in this Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005–57. A companion document, the *Small Entity Compliance Guide* (SECG), follows this FAC. The FAC, including the SECG, is available via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

DATES: For effective date and comment date see separate document, which follows.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The analyst whose name appears in the table below in relation to the FAR case. Please cite FAC 2005–57 and the specific FAR case number. For information pertaining to status or publication schedule, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at 202–501–4755.

LIST OF RULE IN FAC 2005–57

Subject	FAR case	Analyst
United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (Interim)	2012–004	Erwin

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A Summary for the FAR rule follows. For the actual revisions and/or amendments made by this FAR case, refer to FAR Case 2012–004.

FAC 2005–57 amends the FAR as specified below:

United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (FAR Case 2012–004) (Interim)

This interim rule implements the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (see the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation

Act (Pub. L. 112–41) (19 U.S.C. 3805 note)).

The Republic of Korea is already party to the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement (WTO GPA). This Free Trade Agreement now covers acquisition of supplies and services between \$100,000 and the current WTO GPA threshold of \$202,000. This interim rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

Laura Auletta,

Director, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Governmentwide Policy.

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005–57 is issued under the authority of the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Unless otherwise specified, all Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and other directive material contained in FAC 2005–57 is effective March 15, 2012.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

Richard Ginman,

Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

Mindy S. Connolly,

Chief Acquisition Officer, U.S. General Services Administration.

Dated: March 1, 2012.

William P. McNally,

Assistant Administrator for Procurement, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

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48 CFR Parts 4, 25, and 52

[FAC 2005–57; FAR Case 2012–004; Docket 2012–0004, Sequence 1]

RIN 9000–AM18

Federal Acquisition Regulation; United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Interim rule.

SUMMARY: DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement. The Republic of Korea is already party to the World Trade Organization Government Procurement Agreement, but this trade agreement implements a lower procurement threshold.

DATES: *Effective Date:* March 15, 2012.

Comment Date: Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat on or before May 7, 2012 to be considered in the formulation of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by FAC 2005–57, FAR Case 2012–004, by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by inputting “FAR Case 2012–004” under the heading “Enter Keyword or ID” and selecting “Search.” Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “FAR Case 2012–004.” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “FAR Case 2012–004” on your attached document.

- *Fax:* 202–501–4067.

- *Mail:* General Services Administration, Regulatory Secretariat (MVCB), ATTN: Hada Flowers, 1275 First Street NE., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20417.

Instructions: Please submit comments only and cite FAC 2005–57, FAR Case 2012–004, in all correspondence related to this case. All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal and/or business confidential information provided.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Deborah Erwin, Attorney-Advisor in the Office of Governmentwide Policy, at 202–501–2164 for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at 202–501–4755. Please cite FAC 2005–57, FAR Case 2012–004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

This interim rule amends FAR part 25 and the corresponding provisions and clauses in part 52 to implement the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (see the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (Pub. L. 112–41) (19 U.S.C. 3805 note)).