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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains notices to the public of the proposed issuance of rules and regulations. The purpose of these notices is to give interested persons an opportunity to participate in the rule making prior to the adoption of the final rules.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Internal Revenue Service

#### 26 CFR Part 1

[REG-113738-12]

RIN 1545-BK94

#### Amendment of Prohibited Payment Option Under Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan of Plan Sponsor in Bankruptcy; Hearing Cancellation

**AGENCY:** Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Cancellation of notice of public hearing on proposed rulemaking.

**SUMMARY:** This document cancels a public hearing on proposed regulations under section 411(d)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code. The proposed regulations provide guidance under the anti-cutback rules of section 411(d)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, which generally prohibit plan amendments eliminating or reducing accrued benefits, early retirement benefits, retirement-type subsidies, and optional forms of benefit under qualified retirement plans.

**DATES:** The public hearing, originally scheduled for August 24, 2012 at 10 a.m. is cancelled.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Oluwafunmilayo Taylor of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Legal Processing Division, Associate Chief Counsel (Procedure and Administration) at (202) 622-7180 (not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A notice of proposed rulemaking and a notice of public hearing that appeared in the **Federal Register** on Thursday, June 21, 2012 (77 FR 37349) announced that a public hearing was scheduled for August 24, 2012, at 10 a.m. in the IRS Auditorium, Internal Revenue Building, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC. The subject of the public hearing was under the sections 411(d)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code.

The public comment period for these regulations expired on August 16, 2012. The notice of proposed rulemaking and notice of public hearing instructed those interested in testifying at the public hearing to submit a request to speak and an outline of the topics to be addressed. The public hearing scheduled for August 24, 2012, is cancelled.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

#### NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

#### 48 CFR Parts 4, 7, 12, 42, and 52

[FAR Case 2011-020; Docket 2011-0020; Sequence 1]

RIN 9000-AM19

#### Federal Acquisition Regulation; Basic Safeguarding of Contractor Information Systems

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

**ACTION:** Proposed rule.

**SUMMARY:** DoD, GSA, and NASA are proposing to amend the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to add a new subpart and contract clause for the basic safeguarding of contractor information systems that contain information provided by or generated for the Government (other than public information) that will be resident on or transiting through contractor information systems.

**DATES:** Interested parties should submit written comments to the Regulatory Secretariat at one of the addressees shown below on or before October 23, 2012 to be considered in the formation of the final rule.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments in response to FAR Case 2011-020 by any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments

via the Federal eRulemaking portal by searching for "FAR Case 2011-020." Select the link "Submit a Comment" that corresponds with "FAR Case 2011-020." Follow the instructions provided at the "Submit a Comment" screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and "FAR Case 2011-020" 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 FAR Case 2011-020, 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. Patricia Corrigan, Procurement Analyst, at 202-208-1963, for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at 202-501-4755. Please cite FAR Case 2011-020.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

The FAR presently does not specifically address the safeguarding of contractor information systems that contain or process information provided by or generated for the Government (other than public information). DoD published an Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) and notice of public meeting in the **Federal Register** at 75 FR 9563 on March 3, 2010, under Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Case 2008-D028, Safeguarding Unclassified Information. The ANPR addressed basic and enhanced safeguarding procedures for the protection of DoD unclassified information. Basic protection measures are first-level information technology security measures used to deter unauthorized disclosure, loss, or compromise. The ANPR also addressed enhanced information protection measures that included requirements for encryption and network intrusion protection.

Resulting public comments of the DFARS rule were considered in drafting a proposed FAR rule under FAR case