contractors shall be requested to submit their final indirect cost rate proposals reflecting actual cost experience during the covered periods to the cognizant contracting officers responsible for negotiating their final indirect rates. The DOE negotiating official shall request all needed audit service in accordance with the procedures in 942.70, Audit Services.

8. Subsection 942.705–3 is revised to read as follows:

#### 942.705-3 Educational institutions.

(a)(2) The negotiated rates established for the institutions cited in OMB Circular No. A–88 are distributed, to the Cognizant DOE Office (CDO) assigned lead office responsibility for all DOE indirect cost matters relating to a particular contractor, by the Office of Policy, within the Headquarters procurement organization.

9. Subsection 942.705–4 is revised to read as follows:

#### 942.705-4 State and local governments.

A list of cognizant agencies for State/local government organizations is periodically published in the **Federal Register** by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The responsible agencies are notified of such assignments. The current negotiated rates for State/local government activities are distributed to each CDO by the Office of Policy, within the Headquarters procurement organization.

10. Subsection 942.705–5 is revised to read as follows:

# 942.705–5 Nonprofit organizations other than educational and state and local governments.

OMB Circular A–122 establishes the rules for assigning cognizant agencies for the negotiation and approval of indirect cost rates. The Federal agency with the largest dollar value of awards (contracts plus Federal financial assistance dollars) will be designated as the cognizant agency. There is no published listing of assigned agencies. The Office of Policy, within the Headquarters procurement organization, distributes to each CDO the rates established by the cognizant agency.

### Subpart 942.10 [Removed]

11. Subpart 942.10 (including 942.1004 and 942.1008) is removed.

12. Subsection 942.7003–6 is revised to read as follows:

### 942.7003-6 CAS disclosure statements.

The audit activity is available and, in accordance with (FAR) 48 CFR part 30, Cost Accounting Standards
Administration, is responsible for

making recommendations to the contracting officer as to whether the CAS disclosure statement, submitted by the contractor as a condition of the contract, adequately describes the actual or proposed cost accounting practices and is in compliance with the Cost Accounting Standards required under the terms of the contract. The contracting officer shall request the auditor to review all Disclosure Statements submitted by a contractor or potential contractor.

13. Section 942.7004 is revised to read as follows:

#### 942.7004 Procedures.

The Department of Energy Headquarters procurement organization has established formal interagency arrangements with the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA) and the Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Inspector General. Audits are available to contracting officers pursuant to terms of these arrangements. DCAA, as the DOE cognizant auditor, is responsible for performing audits, when requested, for all DOE prime contractors and DOE Management and Operating contractors' subcontractors, except where another agency has cognizance of a contractor. HHS, for example, has contract audit cognizance for most educational institutions.

### PART 951—USE OF GOVERNMENT SOURCES BY CONTRACTORS

14. Section 951.7000 is revised to read as follows:

### 951.7000 Scope of subpart.

The General Services Administration (GSA) and, in some cases, the Department of Defense (DOD) Military Traffic Management Command negotiate agreements with commercial organizations to provide certain discounts to contractors traveling under Government cost-reimbursable contracts. In the case of discount air fares and hotel/motel room rates, the GSA has established agreements with certain airlines and thousands of hotels/ motels to extend discounts which were previously only available to Federal employees on official travel status. DOD has negotiated agreements with car rental companies for special rates with unlimited mileage which were also to be used by only Federal employees on official Government business. GSA Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMRs) make these three travel discounts available to Government cost-reimbursable contractors at the option of the vendor.

15. Section 951.7001 is revised to read as follows:

### § 951.7001 General policy.

Contracting officers will encourage DOE cost-reimbursable contractors (CRCs) to use Government travel discounts to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with contractual terms and conditions. Vendors providing the service may require that Government contractor employees furnish a letter of identification signed by the authorizing contracting officer. Contracting officers shall provide CRCs with a "Standard Letter of Identification" when appropriate to do so. An example of a "Standard Letter of Identification" is at 952.251-70(e).

### PART 952—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

16. The authority citation for part 952 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 42 U.S.C. 7254; 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 42 U.S.C. 13524.

16a. Subsection 952.251–70 is amended by revising paragraph (a) of the clause to read as follows:

### 952.251-70 Contractor employee travel discounts.

(a) Contracted airlines. Airlines participating in travel discounts are listed in the Federal Travel Directory (FTD), published monthly by the General Services Administration (GSA). Regulations governing the use of contracted airlines are contained in the Federal Travel Regulation (FTR), 41 CFR Part 301-15, Travel Management Programs. It stipulates that cost-reimbursable contractor employees may obtain discount air fares by use of a Government Transportation Request (GTR), Standard Form 1169, cash or personal credit cards. When the GTR is used, contracting officers may issue a blanket GTR for a period of not less than two weeks nor more than one month. In unusual circumstances, such as prolonged or international travel, the contracting officer may extend the period for which a blanket GTR is effective to a maximum of three months. Contractors will ensure that their employees traveling under GTR provide the GTR number to the contracted airlines for entry on individual tickets and on month-end billings to the contractor.

## PART 970—DOE MANAGEMENT AND OPERATING CONTRACTS

17. The authority citation for part 970 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** Sec. 161 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2201), sec. 644 of the Department of Energy Organization Act, Public Law 95–91 (42 U.S.C. 7254).