

Accordingly, title 48, chapter 6 of the Code of Federal Regulations is amended as follows:

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR Parts 601, 602, 605, 606, 609, 610, 613, 616, 619, 625, 636, 637, and 653 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 22 U.S.C. 2658.

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL

PART 601—DEPARTMENT OF STATE ACQUISITION REGULATION

Subpart 601.6—Career Management, Contracting Authority, and Responsibilities

2. The title of Subpart 601.6 is revised to read as set forth above.

601.603–70 [Amended]

3. Section 601.603–70 is amended in paragraph (b)(5) by removing the phrase “Bureau of Refugee Programs” and inserting “Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration” in its place.

4. Section 601.603–70 is amended in paragraph (b)(6) by removing the phrase “Bureau of International Narcotics Matters” and inserting “Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs” in its place.

PART 602—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

Subpart 602.1—Definitions

602.101–70 [Amended]

5. In section 602.101–70, the definition of “Despatch Agency” is amended in the last sentence by removing the words “San Francisco, California;”.

SUBCHAPTER B—COMPETITION AND ACQUISITION PLANNING

PART 605—PUBLICIZING CONTRACT ACTIONS

Subpart 605.2—Synopsis of Proposed Contract Actions

6. Section 605.202–70 is revised to read as follows:

605.202 Exceptions.

605.202–70 Foreign acquisitions.

(a) *Policy.* In accordance with a Determination and Findings issued by the Assistant Secretary of State for Administration, the requirement for advance CBD notices for the Department’s foreign acquisitions awarded by overseas contracting activities is waived. CBD notices may be published for any acquisition where the contracting officer decides that

publication would be in the Department’s best interests. This waiver shall remain in effect until June 15, 1998.

(b) *Procedures.* Contracting officers at overseas contracting activities are not required to prepare an individual determination and findings to document their decision to waive the CBD notice requirements.

(c) *Competition requirements.* Nothing in this section waives the requirement to obtain competition as required by FAR part 6 and DOSAR (48 CFR) part 606. Competition, including the use of written solicitation, shall be obtained in all cases to the extent feasible. If there are known U.S. firms or firms with U.S. affiliations in local residence capable of supplying the required supplies or services, the contracting activity shall ensure that those firms are included in the source list for the acquisition.

(d) *Policy exclusion.* CBD waiver authority does not apply to local guard service contracts that exceed \$250,000. Local guard service contracts that exceed \$250,000 shall be synopsisized in the CBD. Option year prices shall be included when computing the applicability of this threshold.

PART 606—COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

Subpart 606.5—Competition Advocates

7. Section 606.570 is revised to read as follows:

606.570 Solicitation provisions.

The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 652.206–70, Competition Advocacy/Ombudsman, in all solicitations over the threshold for using simplified acquisition procedures.

PART 609—CONTRACTOR QUALIFICATIONS

Subpart 609.4—Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility

8. Section 609.405 is amended in paragraph (d)(4)(i) by revising the first sentence to read as follows:

609.405 Effect of listing.

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(4)(i) For procurement actions (both domestic and overseas) that do not exceed the threshold for using simplified acquisition procedures, contracting officers need not consult the “List of Parties Excluded from Procurement Programs” prior to award.
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PART 610—SPECIFICATIONS, STANDARDS, AND OTHER PURCHASE DESCRIPTIONS

610.002–70 [Amended]

9. Section 610.002–70 is amended in paragraph (d)(5)(i) by removing the amount of “\$25,000” and inserting “\$50,000” in its place.

SUBCHAPTER C—CONTRACTING METHODS AND CONTRACT TYPES

PART 613—SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION PROCEDURES

613 Heading [Amended]

10. The title of Part 613 is revised to read as set forth above.

Subpart 613.1—General

613.103–70 [Amended]

11. Section 613.103–70 is amended by removing the words “small purchases” and inserting “purchase orders” in their place.

Subpart 613.4—Imprest Fund

613.404 [Amended]

12. Section 613.404 is redesignated as 613.403. Newly designated 613.403 is amended by removing “FAR 13.404(a)” and inserting “FAR 13.403(a)” in its place.

Subpart 613.5—Purchase Orders

13. Section 613.505–1 is revised to read as follows:

613.505 Purchase order and related forms.

613.505–1 Optional Form (OF) 347, Order for Supplies or Services, and Optional Form 348, Order for Supplies or Services Schedule—Continuation.

(a) The OF–347 and OF–348 shall be mandatory for use by domestic contracting activities for issuing purchase orders and delivery orders, unless ordering against another Federal agency contract which stipulates a different form (e.g., DD–1155, Order for Supplies or Services); or, unless the Procurement Executive has approved another form. The OF–347 may also be used as a voucher.

(b) In lieu of the OF–347 and OF–348, DOS overseas contracting activities may use the Optional Form (OF) 206, Purchase Order, Receiving Report and Voucher, and Optional Form 206A, Continuation Sheet (illustrated at 653.303–206 and 653.303–206A, respectively). When using the OF–206, contracting activities may use Optional Form (OF) 127, Receiving and Inspection Report (illustrated at 653.303–127), for that purpose.