no later than ten work days after the contracting officer has been notified. The contracting officer's statement shall receive the concurrence of the installation Chief Counsel. If more time is needed, requests for extension may be made by telephone to Headquarters, Code HS.

- (5) When the GAO elects to use its express option procedure, the contracting officer's statement shall be forwarded to Code HS within six work days after the contracting officer has been notified. If that is not possible, a report to Code HS shall be made by telephone.
- (6) In consultation with the Office of General Counsel, Headquarters (Code HS) shall provide the information required by FAR 33.104(a) to the GAO.
- 120. In paragraph (b)(1) of section 1833.104, "(Code HP)" is revised to read "(Code HS)" and "Code HP" is revised to read "Code HS".
- 121. In paragraphs (c) (1) and (2) of section 1833.104, "(Code HP)" is revised to read "(Code HS)" and "Code HP" is revised to read "Code HS".
- 122. In section 1833.104, the first sentence of paragraph (d) is revised to read as follows, and in the last sentence, "(Code HP)" is revised to read "(Code HS)":

"If the protester in its protest statement or later in the process requests documents, the contracting officer shall forward them to Code HS with the documents required by FAR 33.104(a)(3), within three work days of receipt of the request."

123. In paragraph (e) of section 1833.104, "Code HP" is revised to read "Code HS".

PART 1835—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CONTRACTING

1835.003 [Amended]

124. In section 1835.003, paragraph (b) is removed and the existing paragraph (c) is redesignated as paragraph (b), and in the newly designated paragraph (b), the phrase "for NASA policy" is revised to read "for policy".

1835.003-70, 1835.003-71 [Removed]

125. Sections 1835.003–70 and 1835.003–71 are removed.

1835.015 [Amended]

126. In section 1835.015, paragraph (b), the phrase "For NASA policy" is revised to read "For policy".

127. Section 1835.016–70 is revised to read as follows:

1835.016–70 NASA Research Announcements.

- (a) Scope. This subsection 1835.016-70 prescribes regulations and procedures for the use of a NASA Research Announcement (NRA), a form of broad agency announcement (see FAR 6.102(d)(2)). An NRA is used to announce research interests and, after peer or scientific review using factors in the NRA, select proposals for funding. Unlike an RFP containing a statement of work or specification to which offerors are to respond, an NRA provides for the submission of competitive project ideas, conceived by the offerors, in one or more program areas of interest to NASA. The NRA is intended to be used for those research procurements for which it would be impossible to draft an adequate RFP in sufficient detail without restraining the technical response and thus hindering the competition of ideas. An NRA shall not be used in place of an RFP when the procurement requirement is narrowly defined and it is necessary to use a detailed description or specification.
- (b) Issuance. (1) Each NRA shall be assigned a unique number in accordance with 1804.7102–1.
- (2) NRAs may remain open for proposal submission for a maximum of one year. They may not be amended or modified once issued, but may be reissued by assigning a new number and resynopsizing. (See also paragraph (g) of this section.) NRAs should remain open for at least 90 days.
- (3) Before issuance, each fieldgenerated NRA shall be concurred in by the procurement officer and approved by the installation's director or a designee, who shall serve as or designate a selecting official. Before issuance, each Headquarters-generated NRA shall be concurred in by General Counsel (Code GK) and the Director, Headquarters Acquisition Division (Code HW) and approved by the cognizant Program Associate Administrator or a designee, who shall serve as or designate a selecting official. If a Headquarters-generated NRA may result in awards by a NASA field installation, the concurrence of that installation's procurement officer may be sought in place of or in addition to Code HW's concurrence.
- (4) The contracting officer shall assure that the NRA is synopsized in the Commerce Business Daily (CBD). The synopsis required by FAR 35.016(c) satisfies the synopsis requirement at FAR 5.201; the synopsis contemplated by FAR 5.205 is not required. The synopsis shall be brief and provide the address for obtaining a copy of the NRA. The technical part of the synopsis is to

- describe an area of interest and should not exceed 50 words.
- (5) The NRA shall be prepared, printed, and distributed by or under the direction of the selecting official. Distribution shall not begin until the concurrence of the procurement officer has been obtained and the contracting officer has confirmed that the synopsis requirements have been met. The NRA shall be distributed to each office responsible for receipt of unsolicited proposals and to the Office of Procurement (Code HS).
- (c) *Content.* The NRA shall consist of the following items in the order shown. This entire package shall be provided in response to requests.
 - (1) Cover. The cover shall display:
- (i) "OMB Approval Number 2700–0087" in the upper right corner.
 - (ii) Title (centered, in uppercase).
- (iii) "NASA Research Announcement Soliciting Research Proposals for the Period Ending ______ " (centered, on three lines, two inches below the title; insert closing date).
- (iv) NRA number (centered, two inches below closing date).
- (v) Official address for office issuing NRA (centered, at bottom of cover).
- (2) Summary and Supplemental Information.
- (i) The Summary and Supplemental Information shall not exceed two pages and shall include:
 - (A) Title (centered, in uppercase).
- (B) Introductory paragraphs describing the purpose of the NRA and the period for receipt of proposals. When proposals received during this period may be grouped for evaluation at separate times, the introductory paragraphs shall indicate when evaluations are planned and shall include the following remark:

A proposal that is scientifically and programmatically meritorious, but that cannot be accepted during its initial review under an NRA because of funding uncertainties, may be included in subsequent reviews unless the offeror requests otherwise.

- (C) NRA number.
- (D) Address for submitting proposals, including "ATTN: NRA _____." (Insert NRA number.)
 - (E) Copies required.
 - (F) Selecting official's title.
- (G) Name, address, and telephone number for additional technical information.
- (H) Name and telephone number of contracting office point of contact for administrative and contractual information.
- (I) Additional instructions supplementing the Instructions for Responding to NASA Research