### 1853.242–72 [Redesignated as Section 1853.242–71]

184. Section 1853.242–72 is redesignated as section 1853.242–71.

185. In section 1853.249, paragraph (b) is revised to read as follows:

### 1853.249 Termination of contracts (NASA Forms 1412, 1413).

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(b) *NASA Form 1413, Termination Docket Checklist.* NASA Form 1413, prescribed at 1849.105–70, shall be used to ensure adequacy of termination records.

## PART 1870—NASA SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS

#### Subpart 1870.1—[Amended]

186. Section 1870.000 and subpart 1870.1 are revised to read as follows:

#### 1870.000 Scope of part.

This part contains NASA-unique regulations which—

- (a) Constitute a system of regulations such that presentation in a unified format is essential;
  - (b) Relate to numerous FAR subparts;
- (c) Have, as a whole, no clearly identifiable FAR counterpart; and
- (d) May include non-regulatory material necessary to complete coverage of the instant subject.

### Subpart 1870.1—NASA Acquisition of Investigations System

#### 1870.101 System content.

- (a) The regulations governing the NASA Acquisition of Investigations set forth the system in a single document, covering the roles of individuals with procurement and programmatic responsibilities both within NASA and the private sector. Therefore, the regulation provides guidance to all NASA personnel engaged in the solicitation, evaluation and selection of investigations. It emphasizes the responsibilities of line management and, as appropriate, the selected investigators in the acquisition of equipment necessary for the investigation. It provides for uniform procedures and equitable treatment in the evaluation and selection of investigators and acquisition of investigative equipment consistent with the FAR and NFS.
- (b) The system regulation contains policy and procedures applicable to the solicitation of investigations with "Announcements of Opportunity," a form of broad agency announcement authorized at FAR 6.102(d)(2)(i).

### 1870.102 NASA acquisition of investigations.

(a) The NASA Acquisition of Investigations System is prescribed by Appendix I to this section 1870.102.

(b) NASA may reprint this Appendix I as a separate Handbook for sale and/ or distribution provided the following two conditions are met:

(1) With the exception of availability and distribution information, any subsequent modification in the text shall be preceded by a change to the NASA FAR Supplement 1870.102.

(2) The following information shall be included as a part of the prefatory material in the NASA Handbook:

#### **Important Notice**

This Handbook is a separately bound, verbatim version of NASA FAR Supplement (NFS) (48 CFR 1870.102) Section 1870.102, Appendix I. Reference to other parts of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the NFS will be required for complete coverage of all procurement aspects. NASA reserves the right to make changes to NFS 1870.102, Appendix I without issuing a new edition of this Handbook. Any such changes will be published in the Federal Register; however, it is anticipated that such changes will be rare, unless mandated by statute or unusual circumstances. In the event of apparent conflict between this Handbook and the NFS, the NFS shall govern.

### APPENDIX I TO 1870.102—GUIDELINES FOR ACQUISITION OF INVESTIGATIONS

#### Preface

NASA has always provided opportunities for qualified people in NASA, other Government agencies, colleges and universities, private industry, and foreign countries to participate in developing and carrying out its responsibilities in aeronautical and space activities. NASA has treated itself as a part of the scientific and technical community and has encouraged this community to bring to bear its expertise in developing investigatory objectives, selecting the investigations to carry out, participating in the resulting missions, analyzing the data obtained, and publishing the results.

The acquisition of investigations process covered by this Handbook allows the continuation of our successful cooperative endeavors with the scientific, technological, and applications user communities and provides standards requiring greater attention to the planning and management of investigations. Also, this Handbook emphasizes the responsibilities of line management and, as appropriate, the selected investigators in the acquisition of equipment necessary for the investigation.

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### 100 General

The best space research results when space research investigators participate in the selection of investigations. The investigation acquisition system encourages the participation of investigators and the selection of investigations which contribute most effectively to the advancement of NASA's scientific and technological objectives. It is a system separate from the acquisition process, but requiring the same management and discipline to assure compliance with statutory requirements and considerations of equity. "NASA Acquisition of Investigations" is the name under which