

service. The Chief, Policy and Rules Division, had granted Meredith's request by *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, 55 FR 17756, published April 27, 1990. With this action, the proceeding is terminated.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 14, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Bertron Withers, Jr., Mass Media Bureau, (202) 418-2100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This is a summary of the Commission's *Memorandum Opinion and Order*, MM Docket No. 86-388, adopted July 31, 1995 and released September 11, 1995. The full text of this Commission decision is available for inspection and copying during normal business hours in Commission's Reference Center (Room 239), 1919 M Street NW., Washington, DC 20554. The complete text of this decision may also be purchased from the Commission's copy contractor, International Transcription Services, 2100 M Street, NW., Suite 140, Washington, DC 20037, (202) 857-3800.

Federal Communications Commission.

William F. Caton,

Acting Secretary.

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48 CFR Parts 1801, 1804, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1819, 1825, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1852, 1853, and 1870

[NASA FAR Supplement Directive 89-20]

RIN 2700-AB85

Acquisition Regulation; Miscellaneous Amendments to NASA FAR Supplement

AGENCY: Office of Procurement, Acquisition Liaison Division, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document amends the NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (NFS) to reflect a number of miscellaneous changes dealing with NASA internal and administrative matters, such as the NASA FAR Supplement rewrite and reporting of contract data by NASA procurement offices.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David K. Beck, (202) 358-0482.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Availability of NASA FAR Supplement

The NASA FAR Supplement, of which this rule is a part, is available in its entirety on a subscription basis from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402, telephone number (202) 512-1800. Cite GPO Subscription Stock Number 933-003-00000-1. It is not distributed to the public, either in whole or in part, directly by NASA.

Rewrite of NASA FAR Supplement

NASA is reviewing and rewriting 48 CFR chapter 18, the NASA FAR Supplement, in its entirety in order to implement recommendations of the National Performance Review. During this review, NASA is eliminating reporting requirements and making other changes in order to reduce and simplify the regulation. This rule is part of the effort to simplify NASA's regulations.

Summary of Changes

Unnecessary words in subparts 1801.6 and 1801.7 are eliminated. Sections 1801.603 and 1801.670 are substantially reduced in order to rely primarily on FAR guidance on delegation of contracting officer authority. Section 1801.703 is substantially reduced in order to rely primarily on FAR guidance on class determinations and findings (D&F's). Section 1801.770 is added on legal review of D&F's prior to signature. In subpart 1804.6, instructions are revised concerning data elements required to be reported by NASA procurement offices. Sections 1804.672 and 1852.204-70, Report on NASA Subcontracts, are removed. Section 1804.674 on subcontract reporting is removed because it is already covered by subpart 1819.7.

Paragraph 1834.005-1(k) is removed because it unnecessarily duplicates instructions in subpart 1804.6. Other sections are amended as a result of Federal Acquisition Circulars 90-29 and 90-31.

Impact

NASA certifies that this regulation will not have a significant economic effect on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*).

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1801, 1804, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1819, 1825, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1852, 1853, and 1870

Government procurement.

Tom Luedtke,

Deputy Associate Administrator for Procurement.

Accordingly, 48 CFR parts 1801, 1804, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1819, 1825, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1852, 1853, and 1870 are amended as follows.

1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 1801, 1804, 1812, 1813, 1814, 1815, 1819, 1825, 1834, 1835, 1836, 1852, 1853, and 1870 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2473(c)(1).

PART 1801—FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATIONS SYSTEM

Subpart 1801.1—Purpose, Authority, Issuance

1801.102, 1801.103, 1801.104, 1801.104-1, 1801.104-2, 1801.104-3, 1801.104-370, 1801.105 [Redesignated]

2. Sections 1801.102, 1801.103, 1801.104, 1801.104-1, 1801.104-2, 1801.104-3, 1801.104-370, and 1801.105 are redesignated as 1801.103, 1801.104, 1801.105, 1801.105-1, 1801.105-2, 1801.105-3, 1801.105-370, and 1801.106.

3. In paragraph (b) of the newly designated section 1801.105-1, the citation "1801.104-1(b)" is revised to read "1801.105-1(b)".

Subpart 1801.6—Career Development, Contracting Authority, and Responsibilities

4. In section 1801.602-3, paragraph (a) is revised to read as follows:

1801.602-3 Ratification of unauthorized commitments.

(a) *Policy.* Individuals making unauthorized commitments may be subject to disciplinary action, and the issue may be referred to the Office of Inspector General.

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5. Section 1801.603-2 is revised to read as follows:

1801.603-2 Selection.

(a) *Policy.* Normally, only GS-1105 and GS/GM-1102 personnel with the proper training and experience may be appointed contracting officers.

(b) *Organizational need determination.* NASA contracting officers shall be appointed only when a valid organizational need can be demonstrated. Factors to be considered in assessing the need for a contracting