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Subpart 303.6—Contracts With Government Employees or Organizations Owned or Controlled by Them

303.602 Exceptions.

Approval of an exception to the policy stated in FAR 3.601 shall be made by the HCA (not delegable).

Subpart 303.7—Voiding and Rescinding Contracts

303.704 Policy.

For purposes of implementing FAR subpart 3.7, the authorities granted to the “agency head or designee” shall be exercised by the HCA (not delegable).

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Subpart 304.6—Contracting Reporting

304.602 Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS).

The Departmental Contracts Information System (DCIS) represents the Department’s implementation of the FPDS. All departmental contracting activities are required to participate in the DCIS and follow the procedures stated in the Enhanced Departmental Contracts Information System Manual

and amendments to it. The HCA (not delegable) shall ensure that all required contract information is collected, submitted, and received into the DCIS on or before the 15th of each month for all appropriate contract and contract modifications award of the prior month.

Subpart 304.8—Government Contract Files

304.804-70 Contract closeout audits.

(a) Contracting officers shall rely, to the maximum extent possible, on non-Federal single audits to close physically completed cost-reimbursement contracts with colleges and universities, hospitals, non-profit firms, and State and local governments. In addition, where appropriate, a sample of these contractors may be selected for audit, in accordance with the decision-making process set forth in the following paragraph (b).

(b) Contracting officers shall request contract closeout audits on physically completed, cost-reimbursement, for-profit contracts in accordance with the following:

(1) Decisions on: The need for and allocation of contract audit resources and services; the selection of contracts or contractors to be audited; the identification of the audit agency to perform the audit; and the type or scope of closeout audit to be conducted, shall be made by the Office of Inspector General (OIG) and Office of Grants and Acquisition Management, in consultation with the Department’s Contract Audit Users Work Group. These decisions shall be based upon the needs of the customer, risk analysis, return on investment, and the availability of audit resources. When an audit is warranted prior to closing a contract, the contracting officer shall submit the audit request to the OIG’s Office of Audit via the appropriate OPDIV representative on the Contract Audit Users Work Group.

(2) Except where a contracting officer suspects misrepresentation or fraud, contract closeout field audits shall not be requested if the cost of performance is likely to exceed the potential cost recovery. Contracts that are not selected for a field audit may be closed

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on the basis of a desk review, subject to any later on-site audit findings. The release executed by the contractor shall contain the following statement:

The Contractor agrees, pursuant to the clause in this contract entitled "Allowable Cost" or "Allowable Cost and Fixed Fee" (as appropriate), that the amount of any sustained audit exceptions resulting from any audit made after final payment shall be refunded to the Government."

Subpart 304.70—Acquisition Instrument Identification Numbering System

304.7000 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes policy and procedures for assigning identifying numbers to contracts and related instruments, including solicitation documents, purchase orders, and delivery orders. The HCA (not delegable) is responsible for establishing the numbering system within the OPDIV.

304.7001 Numbering acquisitions.

(a) *Acquisitions which require numbering.* The following acquisitions shall be numbered in accordance with the system prescribed in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section:

(1) Contracts, including letter contracts and task orders under basic ordering agreements, which involve the payment of \$2,500 or more for the acquisition of personal property or non-personal services. (The number assigned to a letter contract shall be assigned to the superseding definitized contract).

(2) Contracts which involve the payment of \$2,000 or more for construction (including renovation or alteration).

(3) Contracts which involve more than one payment regardless of amount.

(4) Requests for proposals and invitations for bids.

(5) Requests for quotations.

(6) Basic ordering agreements.

(b) *Numbering system for contracts.* All contracts which require numbering (paragraphs (a)(1) through (3) of this section) shall be assigned a number consisting of the following:

(1) The three digit identification code assigned to the contracting office by

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the Office of Grants and Acquisition Management (OGAM).

(2) A two digit fiscal year designation; and

(3) A four digit serial number. For example, the initial contract executed by the Office of Acquisition Management, OS, for fiscal year 1996 would be numbered 100-96-0001. While it is required that a different series of four digit serial numbers be used for each fiscal year, serial numbers assigned need not be sequential.

(c) *Numbering system for other acquisitions.* The HCA is responsible for developing a numbering system for the acquisitions other than contracts listed in paragraphs, (a)(4) through (a)(6) of this section, and any other types of acquisitions that may be used.

(d) *Assignment of identification codes.* Each contracting office of the Department shall be assigned a three digit identification code by the OGAM. Requests for the assignment of codes for newly established contracting offices shall be submitted by the headquarters acquisition staff office of the contracting activity to the OGAM. A listing of the contracting office identification codes currently in use is contained in the Enhanced Departmental Contracts Information System Manual.

Subpart 304.71—Review and Approval of Proposed Contract Awards

304.7100 Policy.

This subpart requires each HCA (not delegable) to establish review and approval procedures for proposed contracts actions to ensure that:

(a) Contract awards are in conformance with law, established policies and procedures, and sound business practices;

(b) Contractual documents properly reflect the mutual understanding of the parties; and

(c) The contracting officer is informed of deficiencies and items of questionable acceptability, and corrective action is taken.