

CONTRACTOR FORWARD PRICING RATE PROPOSAL ADEQUACY CHECKLIST—Continued

References	Submission item	Proposal page No.	If not provided EXPLAIN (may use continuation pages)
Cost of Money (COM)			
24. FAR 15.408, Table 15–2, Section II.F.	Are Cost of Money rates submitted on Form CASB–CMF, with the Treasury Rate used to compute COM identified and a summary of the net book value of assets, identified as distributed & non-distributed?		
25. DFARS 252.215–7002(d)(4)(iv)	Does the proposal identify the support for the Form CASB–CMF, for example, the underlying reports and records supporting the net book value of assets contained in the form?		
OTHER			
26. DFARS 252.215–7002(d)(4)(xiii)	Does the proposal include a comparison of prior forecasted costs to actual results in the same format as the proposal and an explanation/analysis of any differences?		
27. DFARS 252.215–7002(d)(4)(xiv)	If this is a revision to a previous rate proposal or an FPRA, does the new proposal provide a summary of the changes in the circumstances or the facts that the contractor asserts require the change to the rates?		

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Acquisition Regulations System****48 CFR Part 225**

RIN 0750–AH84

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Preparation of Letter of Offer and Acceptance (DFARS Case 2012–D048)

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Proposed rule.

SUMMARY: DoD is proposing to amend the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to address the contracting officer role in assisting the DoD implementing agency in preparation of the letter of offer and acceptance for a foreign military sales program that will require an acquisition.

DATES: *Comment Date:* Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before July 15, 2013, to be considered in the formation of a final rule.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments identified by DFARS Case 2012–D048, using any of the following methods:

- *Regulations.gov:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Submit comments via the Federal eRulemaking portal by

entering “DFARS Case 2012–D048” under the heading “Enter keyword or ID” and selecting “Search.” Select the link “Submit a Comment” that corresponds with “DFARS Case 2012–D048.” Follow the instructions provided at the “Submit a Comment” screen. Please include your name, company name (if any), and “DFARS Case 2012–D048” on your attached document.

- *Email:* dfars@osd.mil. Include DFARS Case 2012–D048 in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571–372–6094.
- *Mail:* Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Attn: Ms. Amy Williams, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP/DARS, Room 3B855, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3060.

Comments received generally will be posted without change to <http://www.regulations.gov>, including any personal information provided. To confirm receipt of your comment(s), please check www.regulations.gov, approximately two to three days after submission to verify posting (except allow 30 days for posting of comments submitted by mail).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Amy Williams, Defense Acquisition Regulations System, OUSD(AT&L)DPAP/DARS, Room 3B855, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3060. Telephone 571–372–6106.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

DoD is proposing to amend DFARS 225.7302 to revise and move the text at PGI 225.7302(1) into the DFARS,

because of potential impact on contractors.

II. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess all costs and benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, if regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, distributive impacts, and equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, of reducing costs, of harmonizing rules, and of promoting regulatory flexibility. This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review under section 6(b) of E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review, dated September 30, 1993. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

III. Regulatory Flexibility Act

DoD does not expect this rule to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.* However, DoD has prepared an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, which is summarized as follows:

This action is necessary because the directions to the contracting officer at PGI 225.7302(1) may have impact on prospective contractors, and therefore require relocation to the DFARS.

The objective of this rule is to provide direction to the contracting officer on actions required to work with the

prospective contractor to assist the DoD implementing activity in preparing the letter of offer and acceptance for a foreign military sales program that requires an acquisition. The legal basis for the rule is 41 U.S.C. 1303.

The rule will apply to approximately 380 small entities, based on the FPDS data for FY 2011 of the number of noncompetitive contract awards to small business entities that exceed \$10,000 and use FMS funds.

There is no required reporting or recordkeeping. The rule requires the contracting officer to communicate with prospective FMS contractors in order to assist the DoD implementing agency in preparation of the letter of offer and acceptance. The contracting officer may request information on price, delivery, and other relevant factors, and provide information to the prospective contractor with regard to the FMS customer.

The rule does not duplicate, overlap, or conflict with any other Federal rules.

DoD does not expect the rule will have a significant economic impact on a significant number of small entities. No significant alternatives were identified that would accomplish the objectives of the proposed rule.

DoD invites comments from small business concerns and other interested parties on the expected impact of this rule on small entities.

DoD will also consider comments from small entities concerning the existing regulations in subparts affected by the rule in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Interested parties must submit such comments separately and should cite 5 U.S.C 610 (DFARS Case 2012–D048), in correspondence.

IV. Paperwork Reduction Act

The rule does not contain any information collection requirements that require the approval of the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 225

Government procurement.

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Therefore, DoD proposes to amend 48 CFR part 225 as follows:

PART 225—CONTRACTING BY NEGOTIATION

■ 1. The authority citation for part 225 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 41 U.S.C. 1303 and 48 CFR chapter 1.

■ 2. Revise section 225.7302 to read as follows:

225.7302 Preparation of letter of offer and acceptance.

For FMS programs that will require an acquisition, the contracting officer shall assist the DoD implementing agency responsible for preparing the Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) by—

(1) Working with prospective contractors to—

(i) Identify, in advance of the LOA, any unusual provisions or deviations (such as those requirements for Pseudo LOAs identified at *PGI 225.7301*);

(ii) Advise the contractor if the DoD implementing agency expands, modifies, or does not accept any key elements of the prospective contractor's proposal;

(iii) Identify any logistics support necessary to perform the contract (such as those requirements identified at *PGI 225.7301*); and

(iv) For noncompetitive acquisitions over \$10,000, ask the prospective contractor for information on price, delivery, and other relevant factors. The request for information shall identify the fact that the information is for a potential foreign military sale and shall identify the foreign customer; and

(2) Working with the DoD implementing agency responsible for preparing the LOA, as specified in *PGI 225.7302*.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 648

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RIN 0648–BD26

Control Date for Qualifying Landings History and To Limit Speculative Entry Into the Longfin Squid/Butterfish Fishery; Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPR); request for comments.

SUMMARY: At the request of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, this notice announces a control date that may be applicable, but not limited to, qualifying landings history for continued access to the longfin squid/butterfish moratorium limited access permit program. NMFS intends this notice to promote awareness of possible

rulemaking, alert interested parties of potential eligibility criteria for future access, and discourage speculative entry into and/or investment in the longfin squid/butterfish fishery while the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council considers if and how access to the longfin squid/butterfish fishery should be controlled.

DATES: May 16, 2013, shall be known as the “control date” for the longfin squid/butterfish fishery, and may be used as a reference date for future management measures related to the maintenance of a fishery with characteristics consistent with the Council's objectives and applicable Federal laws. Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m., local time June 17, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2013–0076 by any of the following methods:

■ **Electronic Submission:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/

[#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2013-0076](#), click the “Comment Now!” icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

■ **Mail:** Submit written comments to John K. Bullard, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope, “Comments on Longfin/Butterfish Qualification Control Date.”

■ **Fax:** (978) 281–9135; Attn: Aja Szumylo.

Instructions: Comments must be submitted by one of the above methods to ensure that the comments are received, documented, and considered by NMFS. We may not consider comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.) submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter “N/A” in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). We accept attachments to electronic comments only in Microsoft