

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Part 42**

[FAC 2005–52; FAR Case 2010–017; Item V; Docket 2010–0017, Sequence 1]

RIN 9000–AL92

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Oversight of Contractor Ethics
Programs**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: DoD, GSA, and NASA are issuing a final rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to add to the list of contract administration functions, the function to ensure that contractors have implemented the mandatory contractor business ethics program requirements.

DATES: *Effective Date:* June 30, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Anthony Robinson, Procurement Analyst, at (202) 501–2658, for clarification of content. For information pertaining to status or publication schedules, contact the Regulatory Secretariat at (202) 501–4755. Please cite FAC 2005–52, FAR Case 2010–017.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Background**

This final rule amends the FAR in response to recommendations from the Government Accountability Office (GAO) Report GAO–09–591, *Defense Contracting Integrity—Opportunities Exist to Improve DoD's Oversight of Contractor Ethics Programs*. The ethics program requirement flows from FAR 52.203–13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct.

This final rule modifies FAR 42.302, Contract Administration Functions, to add to the list of contract administration functions, the function to ensure that contractors have implemented the mandatory contractor business ethics program requirements of FAR 52.203–13.

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 flexibility. This is a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was 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

The Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply to this rule because this final rule does not constitute a significant FAR revision within the meaning of FAR 1.501–1 and 41 U.S.C. 1707. However, DoD, GSA, and NASA will consider comments from small entities concerning the affected FAR part in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Interested parties must submit such comments separately and should cite 5 U.S.C. 610, *et seq.* (FAC 2005–52, FAR Case 2010–017) in correspondence.

IV. Paperwork Reduction Act

The final 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 42

Government procurement.

Dated: May 18, 2011.

Millisa Gary,

Acting Director, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy.

Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR part 42 as set forth below:

**PART 42—CONTRACT
ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT
SERVICES**

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR part 42 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

■ 2. Amend section 42.302 by adding paragraph (a)(71) to read as follows:

42.302 Contract administration functions.

(a) * * *

(71) Ensure that the contractor has implemented the requirements of

52.203–13, Contractor Code of Business Ethics and Conduct.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**GENERAL SERVICES
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Parts 52 and 53**

[FAC 2005–52; Item VI; Docket 2011–0078; Sequence 2]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation;
Technical Amendments**

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This document makes amendments to the Federal Acquisition Regulation in order to make editorial changes.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 31, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Regulatory Secretariat, 1275 First Street, NE., 7th Floor, Washington, DC 20417, (202) 501–4755, for information pertaining to status or publication schedules. Please cite FAC 2005–52, Technical Amendments.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In order to update certain elements in 48 CFR parts 52 and 53, this document makes editorial changes to the Federal Acquisition Regulation.

List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 52 and 53

Government procurement.

Dated: May 18, 2011.

Millisa Gary,

Acting Director, Office of Governmentwide Acquisition Policy.

Therefore, DoD, GSA, and NASA amend 48 CFR parts 52 and 53 as set forth below:

■ 1. The authority citation for 48 CFR parts 52 and 53 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 40 U.S.C. 121(c); 10 U.S.C. chapter 137; and 42 U.S.C. 2473(c).

**PART 52—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS
AND CONTRACT CLAUSES****52.212–3 [Amended]**

■ 2. Amend section 52.212–3 by—