

Weekly Report for November 14, 2016

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Revised Interim Implementation of Government-wide Guidance for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The DOD has issued a notice of proposed rulemaking ("NPRM"), the first in a sequence of six NPRMs, which collectively establish, for DOD grants and cooperative agreements, an updated interim implementation of government-wide guidance on administrative requirements, cost principles, and audit requirements for federal awards. This NPRM removes a part of the DOD Grant and Agreement Regulations ("DODGARs") and replaces it with a new DODGARs part containing a revised interim implementation of the guidance and establishes seven subchapters within DOD's chapter of the Grants and Agreements title of the Code of Federal Regulations. The purpose of this NPRM is to provide an organizing framework for the DODGARs to make it easier for users of the regulations to locate the content that they need, <u>81 Fed. Reg. 78356</u>. Comments are due by February 6, 2017.

OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

Correction to Memorandum for the Preliminary Injunction on Implementation of Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces Executive Order 13673

The FAR Council issued a corrected copy of the October 25, 2016 memorandum addressing the court order to enjoin certain coverage in the final FAR rule implementing the Fair Pay and Safe Workplaces Executive Order 13673. There was a typographical error in the third enumerated step regarding procedures that should not be implemented. The correct FAR cites are 22.2004-2, 22.2004-3, and 22.2004-4. The corrected copy reflects the proper FAR cites, Corrected October 25, 2016 Memorandum.

OTHER GOVERNMENT CONTRACTING NEWS

"GSA's Making It Easier Initiative Enters Second Phase." Federal Times, Oct. 24, 2016. Retrieved from http://www.federaltimes.com.

The GSA implemented the second phase of the Making it Easier initiative to attract new companies, including small businesses, into government acquisitions and streamline the

procurement process for current vendors on GSA's Acquisition Gateway. The GSA will also begin the Multiple Award Schedule Modification Improvement process.