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the number completed education, the number who completed training, the number given placement assistance, the number who obtained employment, and other data needed to comply with the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-11.

(b) Each of the Military Services shall institute regular reporting procedures and shall establish a system of continuing regular surveys of Transition and Referral effectiveness. Evaluation visits to installations shall be made periodically by representatives of a higher headquarters during each year.

(c) Quarterly and annual reports shall be forwarded to Assistant Secretary of Defense (M&RA) as outlined in format attached.¹

(1) The Quarterly Transition Accomplishment Report has been assigned Report Control Symbol DD-M(Q)1102.

(2) The Annual Report on Characteristics of Separating Enlisted Personnel has been assigned Report Control Symbol DD-M(A)1103.

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Title 41—PUBLIC CONTRACTS AND PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Chapter 5A—Federal Supply Service, General Services Administration

PART 5A-3—PROCUREMENT BY NEGOTIATION

Guidelines for Reducing Administrative Costs in Making Small Purchases

The table of contents of Part 5A-3 is amended to delete § 5A-3.606-4, and to add the following new entry:

Sec.
5A-3.606-70 Advance establishment of supply sources by blanket purchase arrangements.

Subpart 5A-3.6—Small Purchases

§ 5A-3.606-4 [Deleted]

1. Section 5A-3.606-4 is deleted.
2. Section 5A-3.606-70 is added as follows:

§ 5A-3.606-70 Advance establishment of supply sources by blanket purchase arrangements.

(a) The following instructions are designed to reduce the administrative costs in connection with processing small purchases. These instructions apply primarily to the purchasing of the following types of requirements:

(1) Low dollar value items for which requirements are sporadic and not sufficiently repetitive to be carried in stock or be included in Federal Supply Schedules or term contracts; and

(2) Low dollar value items which are listed in Federal Supply Schedules or term contracts but which are not available from these sources because the

quantity required is smaller than the minimum order limitation specified in these contracts and the established contractor is unwilling to accept such an order.

(b) Sections 1-3.606 and 5-3.606 contain instructions for making small purchases by blanket purchase arrangements (BPAs). BPAs are described as charge accounts with several local sources to satisfy day-to-day requirements. This section provides an additional application for the BPA; namely, as a single source instrument.

(c) When BPAs are issued to multiple sources, orders are rotated among these sources to achieve an even spread of orders, provided prices are within a narrow competitive range. Where prices vary widely, buyers make individual determinations every time they place an order to give the order to that source which offers the best terms. Whereas this "charge account" method with multiple sources is often an effective method for small purchases of specific item makes or brands, it provides little incentive to BPA sources to offer special price breaks. If, however, these same sources were faced with the prospect that only one of them would emerge as the sole supplier for satisfying small and miscellaneous requirements in a generic line of products for a specified period, e.g., 6 months or a year, there would be some inducement to these offerors to quote better terms. Consequently, the Government would gain by paying lower prices and, since the Government would have to deal with only a single source during the effective period of the single source BPA, the administrative costs would be lower.

(d) Solicitation and single source BPA provisions. Generally, SF 18, Request for Quotations, shall be used for obtaining price information for any single source BPA. The request for quotation should make it clear that a BPA will be issued to that responsive quoter who quotes the best terms to the Government for the entire requirement, at a stated level of quality, price and other factors considered. To obtain a common denominator for the evaluation of quotations, requirements must be expressed in terms of minimum acceptable quality (applicable specifications, brand-names or equal, manufacturer catalogs, etc.). Single source BPAs shall be issued for an entire line of estimated requirements, based on best discounts from established contractors' catalogs and price lists, after assuring that the catalog items of the low quoters are comparable, quality-wise, to the items offered by other quoters. The advantages of using the "price-list" method of making aggregate awards (see § 5A-2.201-74) shall also be considered. Delivery requirements should be stated within a range from immediately to not later than 10 days after receipt of order. The BPA shall contain a provision that no single order placed thereunder will exceed \$2,500 and that no order will be placed for any item covered by an established Government contract source (FSS schedule, term contract, etc.) except (1) when the requirement is below the minimum order quantity stated in such contract and the established contractor is unwilling to ac-

cept such an order, or (2) the requirement is urgent and the established contractor cannot meet the delivery requirement.

(e) Delivery orders under such single source BPAs shall be issued on any authorized purchase order form or orally in accordance with § 5-3.606 and the HB, Supply Operations, Chap. 11 (FSS P 2900.2).

(Sec. 205(c), 63 Stat. 390; 40 U.S.C. 486(c); 41 CFR 5-1.101(c))

Effective date. This regulation is effective 30 days after the date shown below, but may be observed earlier.

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Chapter 50—Public Contracts, Department of Labor

PART 50-204—SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS FOR FEDERAL SUPPLY CONTRACTS

Presumptions and Incorporations by Reference; Specific National Consensus Standards; Effective Date

On May 29, 1971, amendments to 41 CFR 50-204.1, 50-204.1a, and 50-204.2 were published in the FEDERAL REGISTER (36 F.R. 9868). The last paragraph of the preamble to the amendments states that there is no delay in effective date for the amendments, except that national consensus standards which are published in 29 CFR Part 1910 (36 F.R. 10466) and incorporated by reference in § 50-204.2 (a) will be effective 90 days from the publication of the amendments in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The effective date provision of those amendments is hereby revised as follows:

No delay in effective date is provided for the amendments, except that the national consensus standards first promulgated in 29 CFR Part 1910, Subpart C through S, and now incorporated by reference in 41 CFR 50-204.2(a)(1), as amended, shall take effect in accordance with the pertinent effective date provisions contained in 29 CFR Part 1910.

The intent of this revision is to make clear that national consensus standards published in 29 CFR Part 1910, and incorporated by reference in 41 CFR 50-204.2(a)(1), as amended, shall become effective in the two regulations simultaneously, on the effective dates provided for the standards in Part 1910. The revision reflects the fact that various subparts of Part 1910 provide for delays of more than 90 days in the effective dates of some standards, which should follow the standards in their incorporation in § 50-204.2(a)(1).

(Secs. 1, 4, 49 Stat. 2036, 2038, as amended; 41 U.S.C. 35, 38)

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 13th day of August 1971.

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