AFARS – APPENDIX FF

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
PLAN FOR CONTROL OF NONSTANDARD CLAUSES

September 3, 2014

1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this plan is to implement, maintain, and comply with a plan for controlling the use of clauses other than those prescribed in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) as required in DFARS 201.304(4). This plan supersedes the July 31, 2009, update.

2. DEFINITIONS.
   1. Clause – The term “clause” includes solicitation provisions and means a term or condition of the type set forth in FAR part 52 and DFARS part 252.
   2. Deviation – The term “deviation” includes any clause that is inconsistent with the FAR or DFARS.
   3. Regulation – The term “regulation” includes any contracting supplement, policy letter, clause book, automated system, acquisition instruction (AI), or similar regulatory instrument.

1. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF NONSTANDARD CLAUSES. Army contracting activities coordinate all nonstandard clauses with the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement) (ODASA(P)) Policy and Programs Directorate in accordance with Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (AFARS) 5101.304(1)(i). The ODASA(P) Policy and Programs Directorate coordinates with the Office of the Army General Counsel during review of nonstandard clauses.

1. Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) Clause Approval –
   1. Obtain DPAP approval to use clauses that have a significant effect beyond the internal operating procedures of the Army or impose a significant cost or administrative impact on contractors or offerors (DFARS 201.304(1)). Included are class deviations from the FAR or DFARS (DFARS 201.404(b)) and the six categories of individual deviations set forth in DFARS 201.402(1).
   2. Coordinate with the ODASA(P) Policy and Programs Directorate to publish clauses requiring DPAP approval in the Federal Register, conduct analysis to ensure compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act and the Regulatory Flexibility Act (FAR 1.301(c)), and analyze public comments. Submit the clause and all analysis through the Defense Acquisition Regulations (DAR) Council Director (DFARS 201.304(5) and AFARS 5101.301(b)).

2. Other than DPAP Clause Approval –
   1. Obtain Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army (Procurement) (DASA(P)) approval to use clauses that do not require DPAP approval and do not require publication in the Federal Register for public comment, but are included in contracting activity AIs or clause books.
Expeditied CENTCOM Joint Theater Support Contracting Command Provision/Clause Process (Detailed View)

1. Identify requirement for provision/clause; prepare rationale and documentation

2. HCA approve package and endorse urgent and compelling circumstances. Send provision/clause and documentation to DASA(P) & Dir., DARC

3a. DASA(P) DARC members receive C-JTSCC package for immediate feedback, endorsement or approval as appropriate

3b. Dir., DARC receives C-JTSCC package; notifies DPAP/CC and other appropriate SMEs; provides immediate feedback

4. DASA (P) approves package and signs Determination of Urgency

5. Dir., DPAP Approves Use of provision/clause

6a. Publish in Federal Register for comment

6b. C-JTSCC posts *interim* provision/clause to website; incorporates into Acquisition Instruction

7. DASA(P); C-JTSCC, SMEs resolve comments and develop final rule text

8. Obtain Dir., DPAP approval of Final Rule

9a. Publish final rule in Federal Register

9b. C-JTSCC posts *final* provision/clause to website; incorporates into Acquisition Instruction

Continuous Feedback: DPAP; Army; C-JTSCC

U.S. Army
MEMORANDUM FOR DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (PROCUREMENT)

SUBJECT: DETERMINATION OF URGENCY

I have determined that the following urgent and compelling reasons exist to publish this clause prior to affording the public an opportunity to comment.

[Insert a factual description of the urgent and compelling circumstances that justify this action, for example: The current changing threat environment, such as X and Y/circumstances relating to demobilization or X and Y/challenges requiring immediate action to avoid harm including A and B].

This clause [resolves the situation by accomplishing X and Y/provides necessary guidance/clarifies existing guidance/to ensure that X and Y do not occur]. Furthermore, it clarifies that [insert descriptive language].

Public comment will be obtained by publication of this clause in the Federal Register.

[Insert name]
Head of Contracting Activity
CENTCOM – Joint Theater Support Contracting Command

SAAL-ZP [Insert date]

Pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 1707 and based upon the facts presented above, I have determined that urgent and compelling circumstances exist that require publishing this clause prior to affording the public an opportunity to comment. I am, therefore, authorizing issuance of this clause for immediate use.

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