

Subpart 1.2 - Administration

Parent topic: [Part 1 - Federal Acquisition Regulations System](#)

1.201 Maintenance of the FAR.

1.201-1 The two councils.

(a) Subject to the authorities discussed in [1.103](#), revisions to the FAR will be prepared and issued through the coordinated action of two councils, the Defense *Acquisition* Regulations Council (DAR Council) and the Civilian Agency *Acquisition* Council (CAA Council). Members of these councils *shall*-

- (1) Represent their agencies on a full-time basis;
- (2) Be selected for their superior qualifications in terms of *acquisition* experience and demonstrated professional expertise; and
- (3) Be funded by their respective agencies.

(b) The chairperson of the CAA Council *shall* be the representative of the Administrator of General Services. The other members of this council *shall* be one each representative from the-

- (1) Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Justice, Labor, State, Transportation, Treasury, and Veterans Affairs; and
- (2) Environmental Protection Agency, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, Social Security Administration, Small Business Administration, and U.S. Agency for International Development.

(c) The Director of the DAR Council *shall* be the representative of the Secretary of Defense. The operation of the DAR Council will be as prescribed by the Secretary of Defense. Membership *shall* include representatives of the military departments, the Defense Logistics Agency, and the Defense Contract Management Agency.

(d) Responsibility for processing revisions to the FAR is apportioned by the two councils so that each council has cognizance over specified parts or subparts.

(e) Each council *shall* be responsible for-

- (1) Agreeing on all revisions with the other council;
- (2) Submitting to the FAR Secretariat (see [1.201-2](#)) the information required under paragraphs [1.501-2\(b\)](#) and (e) for publication in the *Federal Register* of a notice soliciting comments on a proposed revision to the FAR;
- (3) Considering all comments received in response to notice of proposed revisions;
- (4) Arranging for public meetings;

- (5) Preparing any final revision in the appropriate FAR format and language; and
- (6) Submitting any final revision to the FAR Secretariat for publication in the *Federal Register*.

1.201-2 FAR Secretariat.

(a) The General Services Administration is responsible for establishing and operating the FAR Secretariat to publish and distribute the FAR through the *Code of Federal Regulations* system (including a separate online edition with periodic updates).

(b) Additionally, the FAR Secretariat *shall* provide the two councils with centralized services for-

- (1) Keeping a synopsis of current FAR cases and their status;
- (2) Maintaining official files;
- (3) Assisting parties interested in reviewing the files on completed cases; and
- (4) Performing miscellaneous administrative tasks pertaining to the maintenance of the FAR.

1.202 Agency compliance with the FAR.

Agency compliance with the FAR (see 1.304) is the responsibility of the Secretary of Defense (for the military departments and defense agencies), the Administrator of General Services (for civilian agencies other than NASA), and the Administrator of NASA (for NASA activities).