PART 323—ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENCY, RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY, AND DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE

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323.7000 Scope of subpart.

This subpart provides procedures for administering safety and health requirements.

323.7001 Policy.

The contracting officer shall follow the guidance in this subpart when additional requirements for safety and health are necessary for an acquisition.

323.7002 Actions required.

Contracting activities. The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 352.223-70, Safety and Health, or a clause substantially the same, in solicitations and contracts that involve hazardous materials or hazardous operations for the following types of requirements:

(a) Services or products.

(b) Research, development, or test projects.

(c) Transportation of hazardous materials.

(d) Construction, including construction of facilities on the contractor's premises.

Subpart 323.71—Sustainable Acquisition Requirements

323.7100 Policy.

This subpart provides procedures for sustainable acquisitions and use of the following: Designated recycled content; energy efficient, environmentally preferred, Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT)-registered, bio-based, water efficient, non-ozone depleting products and services; and alternate fuel vehicles and fuels. The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has designated product and service codes for supplies and services having sustainable acquisition attributes. See FAR part 23.

323.7101 Applicability.

It is HHS policy to include a solicitation provision and to include an evaluation factor for an offeror's Sustainable Action Plan when acquiring sustainable products and services. This applies only to new contracts and orders above the micro-purchase threshold. Such contracts and orders include, but are not limited to: Office supplies; construction, renovation or repair; building operations and maintenance; landscaping services; pest management; electronic equipment, including leasing; fleet maintenance; janitorial services; laundry services; cafeteria operations; and meetings and conference services. If using a product or service code designated for supplies or services having sustainable acquisition attributes but a review of the requirement determines that no opportunity exists to acquire sustainable acquisition supplies or services, document the determination in the contract file and make note in the solicitation.

323.7102 Procedures.

(a) When required by the solicitation, offerors or quoters must include a Sustainable Acquisition Plan in their technical proposal addressing the environmental products and services for delivery under the resulting contract.

(b) The contracting officer shall incorporate the final Sustainable Acquisition Plan into the contract.

(c) The contracting officer shall ensure that sustainability is included as an evaluation factor in all applicable new contracts and orders when the acquisition utilizes a product or service code designated by HHS for supplies or services having sustainable acquisition attributes.

323.7103 Solicitation Provision.

The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 352.223-71, Instruction to Offerors—Sustainable

Acquisition, in solicitations above the micro-purchase threshold when the acquisition utilizes a product or service code designated by HHS as having sustainable acquisition attributes.