PART 5839 - ACQUISITION OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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SUBPART 5839.1 – GENERAL

5839.101 Policy

(S-90) Unless there is an associated service being offered with a software subscription or software maintenance agreement, and that associated service is billed separately, the acquisition of software subscriptions or software maintenance agreements will be acquired as a product. Further, IT Value Added Reseller (ITVAR) excepted acquisitions with the NAICS code 541519 will be acquired as a product.

SUBPART 5839.2 – INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

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(S-90) *Section 508 Compliance.* The DoD Section 508 policies are located at http://dodcio.defense.gov/DoDSection508.aspx .

SUBPART 5839.74 – TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES

5839.7401 Definitions

(S-90) Leasing/provisioning of telecommunications circuits (commoditized bandwidth) is covered under the FAR 2.101 Definitions, Commercial product definition, paragraph (1) in that it is a utility customarily used by the general public or by non-governmental entities for purposes other than governmental purposes, and has been sold, leased, or licensed to the general public; or, has been offered for sale, lease, or license to the general public. Thus, the FAR definition of a commercially available off-the-shelf (COTS) item would also cover leasing/provisioning of telecommunications circuits (commoditized bandwidth).

(S-91) Unless there is an associated service offered with the telecommunications and that associated service is billed separately, the leasing/provisioning of the telecommunications circuit (commoditized bandwidth) is not a "service contract." IAW FAR 22.001, a "service contract means any Government contract, or subcontract thereunder, the principal purpose of which is to furnish services in the United States through the use of service employees."

5839.7407 Type of Contract

(S-90) When acquiring telecommunications services using the Inquiry/Quote/Order (IQO) process or Communication Service Authorizations (CSAs), refer to the Procurement Guide for Telecommunications and the IQO Acquisition Deskbook located at https://www.ditco.disa.mil/ .

(S-91) A CSA modification may be issued unilaterally if an equitable adjustment in contract/order price or delivery terms has been agreed upon and documented in advance (e.g., quotation, completion notice/report, bilateral modification to IDIQ contract). If an equitable adjustment in contract/order price or delivery terms has been agreed upon and documented in advance, only the unilateral CSA modification is required. The contractor shall acknowledge the modification as required by the contract.