FAR Alert Notice (FAN) Issuance of Proposed Rules and Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-79

This FAR Alert Notice (FAN) provides awareness to the acquisition workforce about upcoming regulatory changes.¹ This FAN highlights noteworthy proposed rules, and interim and final rules recently published in the released Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) that impact the acquisition workforce.²

A brief description of each rule is provided below with hyperlinks to an expanded version of the rules. Agencies are encouraged to disseminate this FAN widely across their acquisition workforce.

Rules at a Glance

Proposed Rules (published on December 15, 2014)

FAR Case 2015-006, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations - Representation and Notification

FAC 2005-79 (published on December 15, 2014)

FAR Case 2015-003, Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors

FAR Case 2014-017, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations

FAC 2005-79, Correction (published on December 18, 2014)

FAR Case 2015-003, Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors, Correction

Proposed Rules

FAR Case 2015-006, *Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations, Representation and Notification*, published on December 15, 2014. This proposed rule will amend the FAR to require additional actions by contractors to assist contracting officers in ensuring compliance with the Governmentwide statutory prohibition on the use of appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with any foreign incorporated entity that is an inverted domestic corporation or to any subsidiary of such entity. Public comments are due on or before February 13, 2015.

Interim Rules

FAC 2005-79 (Published on December 15, 2014)

FAR Case 2015-003, Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors.

This interim rule amends the FAR to implement the Executive Order13658, Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors and a final rule issued by the Wage and Hour Division of the Department of Labor. Public comments are due on or before February 13, 2015.

<u>FAR Case 2015-003, Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors, Correction</u> - A correction has been issued for this FAR rule to emphasize that the effective date of the rule is the date it was originally published, December 15, 2014. The correction also makes other minor edits in the rule.

FAR Case 2014-017, Prohibition on Contracting with Inverted Domestic Corporations.

Effective upon publication, this interim rule amends the FAR to address the continuing Governmentwide statutory prohibition on the use of appropriated (or otherwise made available) funds for contracts with any foreign incorporated entity that is an inverted domestic corporation or any subsidiary of such entity. Public comments are due on or before February 13, 2015.

¹This FAR Alert was established by the Office of Federal Procurement Policy (OFPP) in 2012 to help improve agency awareness of regulatory changes. GSA prepares the FAN for dissemination to the acquisition workforce via the FAI website. Questions about the individual rules should be directed to the analyst in the Federal Register Notice.

² Proposed rules announce future changes being considered to the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), include proposed regulatory text, and solicit public comments. Interim rules announce immediate changes to the CFR are effective immediately upon publication, or on a specified date after publication, but may be amended based on public comment. Final rules make permanent changes to the FAR after considering public comment, if required. Final rules are effective on a specified date after publication.