

FAR Alert Notice (FAN)
Issuance of Proposed Rules and Federal Acquisition Circular 2005-84

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

See notice below under Proposed Rules

FAC 2005-84 (published on September 3, 2015)

FAR Case 2013-016, EPEAT Items

Proposed Rules

The FAR Alert Notice (FAN), which currently contains the latest Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) as well as proposed rules, is published monthly; however proposed rules are published more often than FACs. So to provide timely updates to the acquisition community, the proposed rules will now be posted in real time on acquisition.gov. Go to www.acquisition.gov and click on Proposed Rules in the moving banner at the top of the page.

Also, you can sign up to receive email notices of the proposed rules by going to <https://listserv.gsa.gov/cgi-bin/wa.exe?A0=ACQUISITIONNEWS>, and click on "Subscribe" and select either regular or digest – see below for definitions of regular and digest. Once you are signed up at Acquisition News, you will also receive periodic email alerts about the latest regulatory changes published as well as other FAR related news.

"Regular" means you get one message at a time just like regular email.

"Digest", of which there are several types means that instead of getting each message as it is sent, the person gets one message per day made up of all the messages sent to the list that day, the digest usually has an index of subject lines at the top linking to all the messages.

Digests are for high volume lists, that might have 10 or more messages a day. So instead of a person receiving 10, 15, 20, or whatever number of messages per day they just get one message (possibly 2 if the digest size limit is reached).

Final Rules

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[FAR Case 2013-016, EPEAT Items](#)

This final rule adopts as final, with changes, an interim rule amending the FAR to implement changes in the Electronic Product Environmental Assessment Tool (EPEAT) registry. The FAR requirement to procure EPEAT-registered products was revised to incorporate the revised standard applicable to personal computer products and to add the standards for imaging equipment and televisions. The final rule also amends the procedures relating to the exceptions to the requirement to procure EPEAT-registered products. This rule will become effective on October 5, 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.