

NOAA Acquisition and Grants Office Policy

Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Acquisition Planning Memorandum

The NOAA Acquisition and Grants Office (AGO) issued the [FY17 Acquisition Planning Memorandum](#) on December 10, 2015. Each Line and Staff Office is responsible for ensuring that their respective Forecasting and Advanced Acquisition Planning System (FAAPS) data is complete and updated at the end of each quarter of the fiscal year to enable accurate planning. Any action entered into FAAPS after May 31, 2016 will be considered an unplanned action. Priority will be given to planned actions.

New Acquisition Alerts

AGO has issued four new Acquisition Alerts (AA) since the beginning of FY16. [AA 16-01](#) established the acquisition policy for NOAA AGO contracting officers and individuals with a delegated procurement authority (field delegates) when acquiring the short-term use of certain categories of space. [AA 16-02](#) prescribed language to be included in NOAA solicitations and contracts requiring all contractors to acknowledge that they have notified former NOAA employees providing service to NOAA under their contracts of post-Government employment restrictions. [AA 16-03](#) established policy for AGO acquisition workforce cooperation with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) during an OIG investigation, inspection and evaluation, audit, inquiry, or referral. [AA 16-04](#) established the AGO policy for the Lowest Price Technically Acceptable (LPTA) source selection process.

NOAA Acquisition Manual (NAM) Updates

The [NAM](#) has undergone several recent updates. The FY15 AAs have been incorporated into the NAM as policy. All AAs that have been incorporated into the NAM, along with their respective NAM subpart number, can be found by accessing the [Inventory of Policy Alerts](#) within the NAM. All recent updates to the NAM can be identified in the [Record of Changes](#), which is located within the NAM. A presentation titled [NAM User Guide](#) has been added to assist users with understanding how NOAA AGO policy is issued and how to locate policy within the NAM.

New Financial Assistance Alerts

AGO has issued two new [Financial Assistance Alerts](#) (FAA) since the beginning of FY16. [FAA 16-01](#) established policy for AGO grants workforce cooperation with the Office of Inspector General (OIG) during an OIG investigation, inspection and evaluation, audit, inquiry, or referral. [FAA 16-02](#) implements the appropriate protections regarding scientific integrity and scientific and research misconduct in the performance of NOAA grants, financial assistance, and cooperative agreements.

Department Of Commerce Office of Acquisition Management

Commerce Acquisition Manual (CAM) Updates

The Office of Acquisition Management (OAM) has issued updates to three [CAM](#) chapters in FY16. [CAM 1301.70 Delegation of Contracting Authority](#) and [CAM 1306.70 Competition Requirements](#) were updated based on the October 2015 inflation adjustment of acquisition related thresholds in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). CAM 1307.1 Acquisition Planning was also revised to add the role and responsibilities of the Chief Information Officer (CIO) in the acquisition planning process; special review requirements for interagency acquisitions and agency-specific acquisitions requiring a Business Case Analysis; and Milestone Review Board considerations as well as other minor updates. This revised CAM chapter was distributed to all Department acquisition personnel and has not been posted to the OAM website. The revised CAM 1307.1 becomes effective on January 30th.

Federal Acquisition Regulation

Establishing a Minimum Wage for Contractors. (FAR Case 2015-003 Effective: December 4, 2015)

This final rule amended the FAR to implement Executive Order 13658 and a Department of Labor final rule which established a new minimum wage for covered service and construction contracts of \$10.10 per hour. The rule applies to solicitations, contract awards, and modifications to existing contracts if the contract does not already contain the clause(s) provided by this rule. The rule revises Part 1, 22, and 52 of the FAR.

Acquisition and Grants Office Policy Resources

AGO Policy	http://www.ago.noaa.gov/acquisition/regulation_and_guidance.html
DOC Acquisition Policy	http://www.osec.doc.gov/oam/acquisition_management/policy/default.htm
AGO Grants Policy	http://www.ago.noaa.gov/grants/policy.html
DOC Grants Policy	http://www.osec.doc.gov/oam/grants_management/policy/default.htm