

NOAA Acquisition and Grants Office Policy

Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Late Acquisition and Grants Requests

The anticipated date for all FY16 contract actions to be obligated and submitted for recordation is no later than 5:00 pm Eastern Time on Friday, September 23, 2016. The anticipated date for FY16 grants obligations is Tuesday, September 27, 2016. The actual dates for recordation are established by the NOAA Finance Office and will be provided once they have been finalized. All Procurement Requests for acquisition or financial assistance must be submitted for processing prior to the [established cutoff dates](#). Late actions may be accepted for processing on a best effort basis. The Requestor shall process the [Late Acquisition and Grant Request Form](#) and submit electronically or as a hard-copy version to the appropriate Head of Contracting Office (HCO) or the Grants Management Division (GMD) Director.

Cancellation of Acquisition Instruction on Delegation of Source Selection Authority

On March 23rd, NOAA AGO rescinded [Acquisition Instruction 15-01, Delegation of Source Selection Authority](#). Pursuant to the [NOAA Acquisition Manual \(NAM\) Subpart 1330-15.303](#), the Source Selection Authority for an acquisition, which utilizes formal source selection between \$10M and \$50M, is delegated to the NOAA Line Office Assistant Administrators and Staff Office Directors. The policy further states that this delegation may be re-delegated no lower than the Line Office Deputy Assistant Administrators or Deputy Staff Office Directors. Any request for the re-delegation of Source Selection Authority shall be prepared by a Line or Staff Office senior level program official by utilizing the instructions in the [Request for Delegation of Source Selection Authority Template](#).

Suspension and Debarment Program

[DAO 207-10](#) requires fraud, waste, and abuse be promptly reported to the Office of Inspector General. All Department employees are responsible for identifying and reporting misconduct that may give rise to suspension and/or debarment actions. The Department's [Suspension and Debarment Handbook](#) was issued on September 11, 2014 and applies to both actions involving contracts under the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and financial assistance awards. The causes for a suspension and debarment on contracts and financial assistance awards can be found in Section III and IV of the Handbook. The procedures for submitting a completed suspension and debarment request for consideration package can be found in NOAA AGO's Acquisition Instruction 15-01, [Suspension and Debarment Request for Consideration Procedures](#).

Department Of Commerce Office of Acquisition Management

Commerce Acquisition Manual (CAM) Update

The Office of Acquisition Management (OAM) issued a revised version of [CAM 1316.1, Selecting Contract Types](#). This CAM chapter has updated the approval threshold limits and includes guidance to improve contract administration activities as well as other minor updates. The revised CAM chapter was distributed to all Department acquisition personnel on March 24th and becomes effective on April 30th.

Federal Acquisition Regulation

Prohibition on Contracting with Corporations with Delinquent Taxes or a Felony Conviction. (FAR Case 2015-011 Effective: February 26, 2016)

This interim rule amends the FAR to implement sections of the Consolidated and Further Continuing Appropriations Act, 2015, to prohibit the Federal Government from entering into a contract with any corporation having a delinquent Federal tax liability or a felony conviction under any Federal law, unless an agency has considered suspension or debarment of the corporation and has made a determination that this further action is not necessary to protect the interests of the Government. 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 Parts 1, 4, 9, 12, and 52 of the FAR. The Department of Commerce Procurement Memorandum (PM) 2015-04, *FAR Class Deviation: Prohibition Against Contracting With Entities with Federal Felony and Federal Criminal Tax Convictions, Unpaid Federal Tax Assessments, and Delinquent Federal Tax Returns* was rescinded as a result of the interim FAR rule.

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

