

NOAA Acquisition and Grants Office Policy

Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Late Acquisition and Grants Requests

The final 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 final date for FY16 grants obligations is Thursday, September 29, 2016. 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.

Acquisition Instruction 16-01, NOAA Acquisition and Grants Office Review and Approval Process

On June 21st, the Director of the NOAA Acquisition and Grants Office (AGO) issued [Acquisition Instruction 16-01, NOAA Acquisition Review and Approval Process](#). The Acquisition Instruction rescinds Acquisition Instruction 15-02 issued on December 8, 2014 and updates the NOAA AGO procedures for the review and approval of certain pre-award, award, and post award contract actions.

Scientific Integrity Policy for Contracts and Grants

This is a reminder that in accordance [NOAA Acquisition Manual Subpart 1330-3.70](#) (*formerly Acquisition Alert 13-08*), NOAA contracting officers and field delegates are required to include the Scientific and Research Misconduct Provision ([NOAA Acquisition Manual Subpart 1330-52.203-70](#)) in solicitations exceeding the micro-purchase threshold when the contract or order involves the performance of scientific activities or presentation of results of scientific activities, as defined in [NAO 202-735D](#). In accordance with [Financial Assistance Alert 16-02](#), NOAA grants officers shall ensure that the Research Misconduct Provision, located in the [Department's Standard Terms and Conditions](#), is incorporated into all grants and financial assistance awards involving the performance of scientific research.

Department Of Commerce Office of Acquisition Management

Commerce Acquisition Manual (CAM) Update

The Office of Acquisition Management (OAM) has issued a new CAM chapter providing policy and guidance on obtaining legal services for acquisition-related matters, which supersedes Procurement Memorandum 2010-04, Revised Legal Thresholds. [CAM 1301.71, Legal Review of Acquisition-Related Actions](#) was distributed to all Department acquisition personnel on June 9th and became effective on July 1st.

Federal Acquisition Regulation

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-88 and 2005-89

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-88 was issued on May 16, 2016 and established four final rules amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) in relation to contractor cybersecurity requirements, environmentally friendly procurement, design-build contracting, simplified acquisition threshold for overseas acquisitions in support of humanitarian or peacekeeping operations, and technical amendments that provide editorial changes. The four final rules became effective on June 15, 2016 and a summary for each rule can be found on page 2 of [FAC 2005-88](#).

FAC 2005-89 was issued on July 14, 2016 and established four final rules to amend the FAR in relation to increasing the blanket waiver threshold for small dollar purchases from Federal Prison Industries (FPI), updating outdated references to Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circulars, amending five Standard Forms prescribed by the FAR for contracts involving bonds and other financial protections and clarifying liability limitations, and implementing Small Business Administration changes to small business subcontracting. The final rules on FPI, OMB, and contracts involving bonds and other final protections become effective on August 12, 2016. The final rule by Small Business Administration reflecting a government-wide small business subcontracting policy becomes effective November 1, 2016. A summary for each rule can be found on page 2 of [FAC 2005-89](#).

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