

NOAA Acquisition and Grants Office (AGO) Policy

Implementation of NOAA Policy on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response

On May 15, 2018, the Director of the NOAA AGO issued [Acquisition Alert \(AA\) 18-06, Implementation of NOAA Policy on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response when Contracting for Services](#), and [Financial Assistance Alert \(FAA\) 18-01, Implementation of NOAA Policy on Sexual Assault and Sexual Harassment Prevention and Response in Financial Assistance Awards](#). AA 18-06 and FAA 18-01 established the policy to implement the requirements set forth under [NOAA Administrative Order \(NAO\) 202-1106](#), into NOAA AGO solicitations, contracts, orders, and grants.

NOAA Acquisition Management Review Program

On May 25, 2018, the Director of the NOAA AGO issued [Acquisition Instruction \(AI\) 18-02, NOAA Acquisition Management Review Program](#). This AI rescinded AI 11-01 and updated the AMR review program procedures.

Updated NOAA Acquisition Review Board (ARB) Presentation Slides

On June 27, 2018, an updated version of [AI 13-01, Acquisition Review Board Procedures](#), was posted to the [AGO Acquisition Policy page](#) to incorporate revised NOAA ARB Presentation Slides in order to comply with the Department of Commerce required format for briefings and presentations. A PowerPoint version of the slides is available at: http://www.ago.noaa.gov/acquisition/docs/arb_presentation_template_format.pptx.

NOAA Policy and Procedure on Federal Information Technology Reform Act (FITARA)

On May 23, 2018, the NOAA Chief Information Officer (CIO) signed NOAA's Office of the CIO (OCIO) [Policy on IT Acquisition Strategies and Planning Under FITARA](#) and the related [Procedure on IT Acquisition Strategies and Planning Under FITARA](#). The NOAA OCIO FITARA policy and procedure provide a mechanism for the identification and processing of IT and non-IT products/services and are effective for **all** Fiscal Year 2019 procurements and onward.

Department of Commerce (DOC) Office of Acquisition Management (OAM) Policy

Annual Oversight of Contract Writing System User Accounts

On April 2, 2018, DOC OAM issued [Procurement Memorandum \(PM\) 2018-01](#). This memorandum implements the requirement to perform an annual review of DOC contract writing system accounts to confirm that users still require access to the system and to maintain appropriate levels of access within the system.

DOC Microsoft Strategic Sourcing Solution

On May 17, 2018, the new Microsoft products strategic sourcing vehicle was awarded to DELL EMC. The vehicle is a blanket purchase agreement (BPA) awarded against the GSA IT-70 Schedule and includes a base year with four one year options. This new BPA is a mandatory use vehicle Department-wide managed by the [DOC Enterprise Services-Acquisition](#). For questions related to this solution, contact enterpriseservicesACQ@doc.gov.

Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)

Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2005-98

On May 1, 2018, [FAC 2005-98](#) was issued to amend the FAR to implement: (1) FAR Case 2017-007 which raises the threshold for task-and delivery-order protests from \$10 million to \$25 million for DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard; (2) FAR Case 2017-008 which reflects additional duties of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization for each agency; (3) FAR Case 2017-004 which adjusts the liquidated damages rates; and (4) FAR Case 2015-039 which raises the dollar threshold requirements for the audit of prime contract settlement proposals and subcontract settlements from \$100K to \$750K.

FAC 2005-99

On June 15, 2018, [FAC 2005-99](#) was issued as an interim rule to amend the FAR to implement: (1) FAR Case 2018-010 which establishes clause 52.204-23 prohibiting the Federal Government's use of hardware, software, and services developed or provided, in whole or in part, by Kaspersky Lab or related entities on or after October 1, 2018; and (2) FAR Case 2017-018 which establishes provision 52.209-13 addressing measures against persons involved in activities that violate arms control treaties or agreements with the United States.