

## ***FAR Alert Notice (FAN)***

### ***Issuance of Proposed Rules and Federal Acquisition Circulars 2005-81 and 2005-82***

This *FAR Alert Notice (FAN)* provides awareness to the acquisition workforce about upcoming regulatory changes.<sup>1</sup> 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.<sup>2</sup>

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**

FAR Case 2014-026, High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons

##### **FAC 2005-81 (published on April 10, 2015)**

FAR Case 2015-013, Further Amendments to Equal Employment Opportunity

##### **FAC 2005-82 (published on May 7, 2015)**

FAR Case 2014-013, Equal Employment and Affirmative Action for Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities

FAR Case 2013-012, Review and Justification of Pass-Through Contracts

FAR Case 2014-010, Enhancements to Past Performance Evaluation Systems

#### **Proposed Rules**

[FAR case 2014-026, \*High Global Warming Potential Hydrofluorocarbons\*](#), published on May 11, 2015. This proposed rule proposes to amend the FAR to implement Executive branch policy in the President's Climate Action Plan to procure, when feasible, alternatives to high global warming potential (GWP) hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs). The public comment period closes July 10, 2015.

#### **Interim and Final Rules**

##### **FAC 2005-81 (Published on April 10, 2015)**

[FAR Case 2015-013, \*Further Amendments to Equal Employment Opportunity\*](#)

This interim rule amends the FAR to implement Executive Order 13672, "Further Amendments to Executive Order 11478, Equal Employment Opportunity in the Federal Government, and Executive Order 11246, Equal Employment Opportunity," and a final rule issued by the Department of Labor. This rule became effective on April 10, 2015. The public comment period closes June 9, 2015.

##### **FAC 2005-82 (Published on May 7, 2015)**

[FAR Case 2014-013, \*Equal Employment and Affirmative Action for Veterans and Individuals with Disabilities\*](#)

This final rule adopts as final, without change, an interim rule to implement final rules issued by the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs at the Department of Labor relating to equal opportunity and affirmative action for veterans and individuals with disabilities. This rule became effective on May 7, 2015.

[FAR Case 2013-012, \*Review and Justification of Pass-Through Contracts\*](#)

This final rule amends the FAR to implement section 802 of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for fiscal year 2013. This section provides additional requirements relative to the review and justification of pass-through contracts. This rule is effective on June 8, 2015.

<sup>1</sup>This 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.

<sup>2</sup>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.

[FAR Case 2014-010, \*Enhancements to Past Performance Evaluation Systems\*](#)

This final rule amends the FAR to accommodate the recent merger of the Architect-Engineer Contract Administration Support System (ACASS) and the Construction Contractor Appraisal Support System (CCASS) modules within the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) database. This rule is effective on June 8, 2015.