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AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Small Entity Compliance Guide.

SUMMARY: This document is issued under the joint authority of DOD, GSA, and NASA. This Small Entity Compliance Guide has been prepared in accordance with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996. It consists of a summary of the rule appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2020-05, which amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). An asterisk (*) next to a rule indicates that a regulatory flexibility analysis has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain further information regarding this rule by referring to FAC 2020-

05, which precedes this document. These documents are also available via the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

DATES: [Insert date of publication in the **FEDERAL REGISTER**].

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Rule Listed in FAC 2020-05

<u>Subject</u>	<u>FAR Case</u>	<u>Analyst</u>
*Set-Asides Under Multiple-Award Contracts	2014-002	Uddowla

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A summary for the FAR rule follows. For the actual revisions and/or amendments made by this FAR case, refer to the specific subject set forth in the document following this item summary. FAC 2020-05 amends the FAR as follows:

Set-Asides Under Multiple-Award Contracts (FAR Case 2014-002)

This final rule amends the FAR to implement regulatory changes made by the Small Business Administration (SBA) in its final rule at 78 FR 61114 on October 2, 2013. SBA's

final rule implements the statutory requirements set forth at section 1331 of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 (15 U.S.C. 644(r)). Section 1331 provided authority for three acquisition techniques to facilitate contracting with small businesses on multiple-award contracts:

(1) Setting aside part or parts of the requirement for small businesses.

(2) Reserving one or more contract awards for small business concerns under full and open multiple-award procurements.

(3) Setting aside orders placed against multiple-award contracts, notwithstanding the fair opportunity requirements of 10 U.S.C. 2304c(b) and 41 U.S.C. 4106(c).

This final rule provides contracting officers additional guidance on the use of partial set-asides, reserves, and set-asides of orders under multiple-award contracts. This final rule may have a positive economic impact on any small business entity that wishes to participate in the Federal marketplace. The section 1331 authorities are expected to provide small businesses greater access to multiple-award contracts, including orders issued against such contracts. There is an upward adjustment to the annual burden associated with an existing information collection, to account for size and

socioeconomic status rerepresentations for individual task and delivery orders.

This rule also finalizes the interim rule published November 2, 2011, under FAR Case 2011-024.

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