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**Circular 2025-03; Introduction**

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

**ACTION:** Summary presentation of final rules.

**SUMMARY:** This document summarizes the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) rules agreed to by the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) in this Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 2025-03. A companion document, the *Small Entity Compliance Guide* (SECG), follows this FAC.

**DATES:** For effective dates see the separate documents, which follow.

**ADDRESSES:** The FAC, including the SECG, is available at <https://www.regulations.gov>.

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### **Rules Listed in FAC 2025-03**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>FAR Case</i>	<i>Analyst</i>
I	Improving Consistency Between Procurement and Nonprocurement Procedures on Suspension and Debarment	2019-015	Delgado
II	Rerepresentation of Size and Socioeconomic Status	2020-016	Bowman
III	Subcontracting to Puerto Rican And Covered Territory Small Businesses	2023-001	Moore

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Summaries for each FAR rule follow. For the actual revisions and/or amendments made by these FAR rules, refer to the specific item numbers and subjects set forth in the documents following these item summaries. FAC 2025-03 amends the FAR as follows:

**Item I—Improving Consistency Between Procurement and Nonprocurement Procedures on Suspension and Debarment (FAR Case 2019-015)**

This final rule amends the FAR to improve consistency between the procurement and nonprocurement procedures on suspension and debarment, based on recommendations of the Interagency Suspension and Debarment Committee. The changes in the FAR bring the two systems into closer alignment, enhancing transparency and consistency within the Government's suspension and debarment procedures. This allows contractors a better understanding of how the two

systems' procedures relate to each other. The changes are not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. It is anticipated that this rule will have a positive impact on small businesses with increased transparency in the process.

**Item II—Rerepresentation of Size and Socioeconomic Status  
(FAR Case 2020-016)**

This final rule amends the FAR to implement regulatory changes made by the Small Business Administration to size and socioeconomic status rerepresentation requirements for orders placed against multiple-award contracts.

Specifically, business concerns that represented their status as any of the small business concerns identified at FAR 19.000(a)(3) are required to rerepresent their size and/or socioeconomic status for orders set aside—

- 1) Under unrestricted multiple-award contracts, unless the order is issued against a reserve for which size and/or status was required.

- 2) Under a multiple-award contract that was totally or partially set aside for small businesses, and the order requires a different socioeconomic status.

Federal Supply Schedules (FSS) are exempt from these requirements.

The final rule will help to validate that small businesses qualify for the size and/or socioeconomic status associated with orders placed under certain multiple-award

contracts. Also, entities that no longer qualify under the applicable North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code or the socioeconomic status they claim may not qualify under the applicable NAICS code or socioeconomic status for set-aside orders under the multiple-award contracts subject to this rule.

The final rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities.

**Item III—Subcontracting to Puerto Rican and Covered Territory Small Businesses (FAR Case 2023-001)**

This final rule amends the FAR to implement regulatory changes made by the Small Business Administration to implement section 861 of Public Law 115-232 and section 866 of Public Law 116-283, which add incentives for certain U.S. territories under the Small Business Administration mentor-protégé program. This final rule also specifies the entities that are not required to submit subcontracting plans as subcontractors. This final rule is not expected to have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities; however, it will impact small businesses whose principal office is in the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico or that are covered territory businesses that enter into SBA-approved mentor-protégé agreements.

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