



## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 48 CFR Part 1517

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#### **Environmental Protection Agency Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR); Special Contracting Methods; Options; Contracts; Withdrawal**

**AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

**ACTION:** Withdrawal of direct final rule.

**SUMMARY:** Due to the receipt of adverse comments on this action, the EPA is withdrawing the direct final rule “Environmental Protection Agency Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR); Special Contracting Methods; Options; Contracts,” published on September 22, 2025.

**DATES:** Effective [Insert date of publication in the Federal Register], the EPA withdraws the direct final rule published at 90 FR 45335 on September 22, 2025

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to the receipt of adverse comments on this action, the Agency is withdrawing the direct final rule “Environmental Protection Agency Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR); Special Contracting Methods; Options; Contracts,” published on September 22, 2025. We stated in that direct final rule that if we received adverse comment by October 31, 2025, the direct final rule would not take effect and we would publish a timely withdrawal in the **Federal Register**. Because the EPA subsequently received adverse comment on that direct final rule, we are withdrawing the direct final rule.

#### **List of Subjects in 48 CFR Part 1517**

Environmental protection, Government procurement.

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**PART 1517— SPECIAL CONTRACTING METHODS**

Accordingly, effective **[Insert date of publication in the Federal Register]**, the EPA withdraws the direct final rule amending 48 CFR 1517.204 which published at 90 FR 45335 on September 22, 2025.

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