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## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

### 40 CFR Part 745

[OPPTS-62128C; FRL-5749-1]

RIN 2070-AC64

#### Lead; Requirements for Lead-Based Paint Activities in Public Buildings, Commercial Buildings and Steel Structures; Extension of Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Extension of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** EPA is extending the comment period on an August 22, 1997 document which announced a public meeting and requested written comments on the development of training and certification requirements and work practice standards for individuals and firms conducting lead-based paint activities in public buildings (except child-occupied facilities), commercial buildings, and steel structures.

**DATES:** Written comments should be submitted to EPA by November 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments must bear the docket control number "OPPT-62128B." All comments should be sent in triplicate to: OPPT Document Control Officer (7407), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Room G-099, East Tower, Washington, DC 20460.

Comments and data may also be submitted electronically to: [oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov). Follow the instructions under Unit II. of this document. No Confidential Business Information (CBI) should be submitted through e-mail.

All comments which contain information claimed as CBI must be clearly marked as such. Three sanitized copies of any comments containing information claimed as CBI must also be submitted and will be placed in the public record for this rulemaking. Persons submitting information on any portion of which they believe is entitled to treatment as CBI by EPA must assert a business confidentiality claim in accordance with 40 CFR 2.203(b) for each such portion. This claim must be made at the time that the information is

submitted to EPA. If a submitter does not assert a confidentiality claim at the time of submission, EPA will consider this as a waiver of any confidentiality claim and the information may be made available to the public by EPA without further notice to the submitter.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For more specific or technical information contact: Ellie Clark, National Program Chemicals Division (7404), Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics, Environmental Protection Agency, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC 20460, Telephone: 202-260-3402, Fax: 202-260-0770, e-mail: [clark.ellie@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:clark.ellie@epamail.epa.gov).

For general information or to obtain copies of the August 22, 1997 document contact: National Lead Information Clearinghouse (NLIC), 1025 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20036-5405 or toll free at 1-800-424-5323. Fax: 202-659-1192, e-mail: [leadctr@nsc.org](mailto:leadctr@nsc.org). Internet site: <http://www.nsc.org/ehc/lead.htm>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Background

In the **Federal Register** of August 22, 1997 (62 FR 44621) (FRL-5740-7), EPA announced a public meeting scheduled for September 3, 1997, in Washington, DC to take public comments and suggestions from a cross-section of stakeholders on the development of training and certification requirements and work practice standards for individuals and firms conducting lead-based paint activities in public buildings (except child-occupied facilities), commercial buildings, and steel structures. The notice stated that EPA specifically wanted additional public comment on the following subjects: (1) Coverage of lead-based paint activities, in particular clarification of the term "deleading"; (2) the interface between OSHA's lead standards and EPA's TSCA section 402 regulations; (3) distinguishing among various building and structure types; and (4) sources of information for EPA's regulations. EPA discussed each issue in detail and requested comments and additional information on specific items. In the document, EPA provided a 30-day comment period following the public meeting. In response to requests by interested parties, EPA is extending the comment period by 30 days. Comments must now be received by November 3, 1997.

##### II. Public Record and Electronic Submissions

The official record for this action, as well as the public version, has been

established for this action under docket control number "OPPTS-62128B" (including comments and data submitted electronically as described below). A public version of this record, including printed, paper versions of electronic comments, which does not include any information claimed as CBI, is available for inspection from noon to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding legal holidays. The official record is located in the TSCA Nonconfidential Information Center, Rm. NE-B607, 401 M St., SW., Washington, DC.

Electronic comments can be sent directly to EPA at:

[oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:oppt.ncic@epamail.epa.gov)

Electronic comments must be submitted as an ASCII file avoiding the use of special characters and any form of encryption. Comments and data will also be accepted on disks in WordPerfect 5.1/6.1 or ASCII file format. All comments and data in electronic form must be identified by the docket control number "OPPTS-62128B." Electronic comments on this action may be filed online at many Federal Depository Libraries.

#### List of Subjects in 40 CFR Part 745

Environmental protection, Hazardous substances, Lead, Recordkeeping and notification requirements.

Dated: September 26, 1997.

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## FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

### 47 CFR Part 54

[CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160, DA 97-2050]

#### Federal State Joint Board on Universal Service; Forward-Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs

Released September 24, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Proposed Rule; notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Each Wednesday, the Common Carrier Bureau holds meetings with the proponents of the Hatfield Model and the Benchmark Cost Proxy Model to solicit the model proponents' individual views on the models' current

features, the relative merits of the two models, and any changes that the proponents make in the two models. These meetings are open to the public. There will be no meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 1997. Instead, a meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 1997. The hour and place will remain unchanged (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm in the conference room of the Universal Service Branch, 2100 M Street, N.W., Eighth Floor). Subsequent meetings will be held each Wednesday until further notice.

**DATES:** The next meeting will be held on September 30, 1997, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Subsequent meetings will be held each Wednesday until further notice.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Universal Service Branch, Federal Communications Commission, 2100 M St., NW., Eighth Floor Conference Room, Washington, D.C.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Astrid Carlson, Universal Service Branch, Accounting & Audits Division, Common Carrier Bureau (202) 418-7369.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### **October 1, 1997 Meeting on Forward-Looking Cost Mechanism For Universal Service Support For Non-Rural Carriers Rescheduled to September 30, 1997**

In the Universal Service Order released May 8, 1997, the Commission, acting on the recommendation of the Federal-State Joint Board, concluded that universal service support for non-rural carriers should be determined by subtracting a benchmark revenue amount from the forward-looking economic cost of providing the supported services.<sup>1</sup> The Commission concluded that it should continue to review two cost models, the Hatfield Model and the Benchmark Cost Proxy Model (BCPM).<sup>2</sup> The Commission further concluded that it would select the platform design features<sup>3</sup> of a forward-looking economic cost mechanism by December 31, 1997, and

select a complete mechanism, including input values, by August 1998.<sup>4</sup> In a *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (FNPRM)* in this proceeding, the Commission stated that it would consider a hybrid mechanism, combining the best features of both models, and might also "study alternative algorithms and approaches that could be submitted by parties other than model sponsors or that could be generated internally by Commission staff."<sup>5</sup>

As part of the process of considering mechanisms for computing the forward-looking economic cost of providing the supported services in rural, insular, and high cost areas, the Common Carrier Bureau and the staff of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service hold meetings each Wednesday with the proponents of the Hatfield Model and the Benchmark Cost Proxy Model (BCPM) to solicit the model proponents' individual views on the models' current features, the relative merits of the two models, and any changes that the proponents may make in the two models.

These meetings are open to the public. There will be no meeting on Wednesday, October 1, 1997. Instead, a meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 30, 1997. The hour and the place will remain unchanged (1 pm to 4 pm in the conference room of the Universal Service Branch, 2100 M Street, NW, Eighth Floor). Subsequent meetings will be held each Wednesday until further notice.

For further information about these workshops, contact Chuck Keller, (202) 418-7380, ckeller@fcc.gov.

Federal Communications Commission.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

##### **48 CFR Parts 203 and 252**

[DFARS Case 97-D020]

##### **Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Employment Prohibition on Persons Convicted of Fraud or Other DoD Contract-Related Felonies**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Proposed rule with request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Director of Defense Procurement is proposing to amend the

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) to expand the list of positions in which contractors may not allow persons convicted of fraud or other DoD contract-related felonies to serve, and to provide that the term of such a prohibition on service may exceed 5 years.

**DATES:** *Comment date:* Comments on the proposed rule should be submitted in writing to the address shown below on or before December 1, 1997, to be considered in the formulation of the final rule.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested parties should submit written comments to: Defense Acquisition Regulations Council, Attn: Mr. Michael Pelkey, PDUSD(A&T)DP(DAR), IMD 3D139, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3062. Telefax number (703) 602-0350.

E-mail comments submitted over the Internet should be addressed to: dfars@acq.osd.mil

Please cite DFARS Case 97-D020 in all correspondence related to this issue. E-mail comments should cite DFARS Case 97-D020 in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Michael Pelkey, (703) 602-0131.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### **A. Background**

This proposed rule amends DFARS 203.570-2 and the clause at 252.203-7001 to expand the list of positions in which a person convicted of a felony arising out of a contract with DoD may not serve, and to permit agencies to prohibit such service for periods greater than 5 years, in accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2408.

##### **B. Regulatory Flexibility Act**

The proposed rule is not expected to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, et seq., because the rule pertains only to the employment of persons convicted of a felony arising out of a DoD contract. An initial regulatory flexibility analysis has therefore not been performed. Comments are invited from small businesses and other interested parties. Comments from small entities concerning the affected DFARS subparts also will be considered in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 610. Such comments should be submitted separately and should cite DFARS Case 97-D020 in correspondence.

##### **C. Paperwork Reduction Act**

The Paperwork Reduction Act does not apply because the proposed rule does not impose any information collection requirements that require the

<sup>1</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, *Report and Order*, FCC 97-157, (released May 8, 1997) 62 FR 32862 (June 17, 1997) (*Order*) at paras. 199-201.

<sup>2</sup> The proponents of the Hatfield Model are AT&T and MCI. The proponents of BCPM are US West, Sprint, and BellSouth. See *Order* at Appendix J for a description of the Hatfield Model and BCPM.

<sup>3</sup> In the context of a forward-looking economic cost mechanism, the "platform" refers to the fixed algorithms and assumptions built into a cost model, as contrasted with user-specified "inputs" into a cost model. See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, *Forward Looking Mechanism for High Cost Support for Non-Rural LECs*, CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-160, *Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, FCC 97-256 (released July 18, 1997) 62 FR 42457 (August 7, 1997) (*FNPRM*) at paras. 17-18.

<sup>4</sup> *Order* at para. 245.

<sup>5</sup> *FNPRM* at para. 35.