

**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES  
ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION****48 CFR Chapter 1****Federal Acquisition Regulation; Small  
Entity Compliance Guide**

**AGENCIES:** 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 the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services and the

Administrator for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. This *Small Entity Compliance Guide* has been prepared in accordance with Section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104–121). It consists of a summary of the rule appearing in Federal Acquisition Circular (FAC) 97–24 which amends the FAR. Interested parties may obtain further information regarding this rule by referring to FAC 97–24 which precedes this document. This document is also available via the Internet at <http://www.arnet.gov/far>.

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**Contractor Responsibility, Labor  
Relations Costs, and Costs Relating to  
Legal and Other Procedures (FAR Case  
1999–010)**

The FAR Council has determined that the 30-day effective date did not give Federal contractors and the Federal Government sufficient time to meet the new obligations and responsibilities imposed by the December 20, 2000, final rule. Therefore, the FAR Council has decided to stay the effective date of the final rule. During the stay, the FAR text is restored to the text as it existed before January 19, 2001.

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