

APTAC Body of Knowledge Competency Guide

C. Basics of Contracting with Government Entities

C.1 Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)

Description

The Federal Acquisition Regulations System has as its purpose to codify and publish uniform policies and procedures for acquisition by all executive agencies. The primary document of the system is the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is the principal set of rules in the Federal Acquisition Regulation System. This system consists of sets of regulations issued by agencies of the Federal government of the United States to govern the acquisition process; this is the process through which the government purchases goods and services. That process consists of three phases: (1) need recognition and acquisition planning, (2) contract formation, and (3) contract administration.

FAR Contents

- Parts 1 - 51 Instructions and Guidance
- Part 52 Provisions and Clauses
- Part 53 Forms
- Appendices – Information for Cost Accounting

Defense FAR Supplement (DFAR) – A Guide for non-regulatory policies and procedures. It is used when specialty instructions are needed for individual branches of the military, etc. to conduct business.

Other Supplements:

- Department of the Army – AFAR
- Corps of Engineers – EFAR
- NASA
- Veterans Affairs

References

- FAR Part 1 FAR System
- Federal Register
- 48 Code of Federal Regulations
- Public Law 93-400
- 41 United States Code
- Federal Acquisition Circular