

### 3410.701

SOURCE: 58 FR 30088, May 25, 1993, unless otherwise noted.

#### **Subpart 3410.7—Use of Metric System**

##### **3410.701 Policy of the Department of Education with respect to use of the metric system.**

It is the policy of the Department of Education to encourage use of the metric system in industry standards, consistent with the legal status of this system as the preferred system of weights and measures for United States trade and commerce.

##### **3410.702 Definitions.**

*Department* means the United States Department of Education.

*Metric system* (a) This term means the International System of Units established by the General Conference of Weights and Measures in 1960.

(b) The units are listed in Federal Standard 376A, "Preferred Metric Units for General Use by the Federal Government."

### 48 CFR Ch. 34 (10-1-07 Edition)

##### **3410.703 Responsibilities of the Department of Education with respect to use of the metric system.**

(a) Consistent with the Federal Acquisition Regulation System, contracting officers of the Department shall—

(1) Accept, without prejudice, products and services dimensioned in metric units if they are offered at competitive prices and meet the needs of the Department; and

(2) Ensure that acquisition planning considers these products and services.

(b) Consistent with the policy in the Metric Conversion Act, as amended, and in 3410.701, if the metric system is the accepted system of weights and measures in a particular industry, the Department ensures that solicitations include specifications and purchase descriptions stated in metric units of measurement.

(c) If the metric system is not the accepted system of weights and measures in a particular industry, the Department ensures that solicitations for procurements in excess of the small purchase threshold permit offerors to propose products or services in metric units of measurement, except when to do this would be detrimental to the purpose of the affected program.

## SUBCHAPTER C—CONTRACTING METHODS AND CONTRACT TYPES

### PART 3413—SMALL PURCHASE AND OTHER SIMPLIFIED PURCHASE PROCEDURES

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301; 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

#### Subpart 3413.1—General

##### 3413.107 Solicitation and evaluation of quotations.

(a)–(c) [Reserved]

(d) *Information provided by ED.* If ED provides information to a potential quoter concerning a request for quotations, that information must also be provided to all other potential quoters, by amending the request, if—

(1) The information is necessary to quoters in submitting quotations; or

(2) The lack of the information would be otherwise prejudicial to other potential quoters.

(e) *Late quotations.* The procedures in FAR 15.412 must be used for quotations received after the time specified for receipt at the contracting activity, except that late quotations may be accepted if the contracting officer determines in writing prior to the award that it is in the best interest of the Government to do so.

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### PART 3414—SEALED BIDDING

#### Subpart 3414.4—Opening of Bids and Award of Contract

Sec.

3414.406 Mistakes in bids.

3414.406-3 Other mistakes disclosed before award.

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(a)–(d) [Reserved]

(e) Authority is delegated to the HCA to make determinations under FAR 14.406-3 (a) through (d).

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### PART 3415—CONTRACTING BY NEGOTIATION

#### Subpart 3415.4—Solicitation and Receipt of Proposals and Quotations

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3415.406-3 Part II—Contract clauses.

3415.407 Solicitation provisions.

3415.413-2 Alternate II.

#### Subpart 3415.5—Unsolicited Proposals

3415.505 Content of unsolicited proposals.

3415.506 Agency procedures.

#### Subpart 3415.9—Profit

3415.902 Policy.

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#### Subpart 3415.4—Solicitation and Receipt of Proposals and Quotations

##### 3415.406-3 Part II—Contract clauses.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause in 3452.215-33, Order of Precedence, in all contracts other than purchase orders. The contracting officer shall use this clause in lieu of the clause in FAR 52.215-33.

##### 3415.407 Solicitation provisions.

(a) The Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552, may require ED to release data contained in an offeror's proposal even if the offeror has identified the data as restricted in accordance with the provision in FAR 52.215-12. The solicitation provision in 3452.215-70, Release of Restricted Data, informs offerors that ED is required to consider release of restricted data under FOIA and Executive Order 12600.

(b) The contracting officer shall insert the provision in 3452.215-70, in all solicitations that include a reference