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SUBPART 245.6--REPORTING, REDISTRIBUTION, AND DISPOSAL OF CONTRACTOR INVENTORY

245.601 Definitions.

(1) “Controlled substances” means—

- (i) Narcotic, depressant, stimulant, or hallucinogenic drug or substance;
- (ii) Any other drug or substance controlled under Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970; or
- (iii) A drug or substance required to be controlled by international treaty, convention or protocol.

(2) “Demilitarization” means the act of destroying the offensive or defensive characteristics of equipment or material to prevent its further military or lethal use.

(3) “Production scrap” means material left over from the normal production process that has only remelting or reprocessing value, e.g., textile and metal clippings, borings, and faulty castings and forgings.

(4) “Serviceable or usable property” means property that has a potential for use or sale value “as is” or with minor repairs or alterations; only property in Federal Condition Codes A1, A2, A4, A5, B1, B2, B4, B5, F7, or F8.

245.603 Disposal methods.

245.603-70 Contractor performance of plant clearance duties.

(a) *Authorization.*

(1) Contract administration offices (CAOs) may, with head of the contracting activity approval and contractor concurrence, authorize selected contractors to perform certain plant clearance functions if the volume of plant clearance warrants performance by the contractor.

(2) The written authorization shall, as a minimum—

- (i) Designate the contractor as an “accredited contractor”;
- (ii) Identify the plant clearance actions to be performed;
- (iii) State that the Government may cancel part of or all of the authorization to perform plant clearance actions; and
- (iv) Provide for plant clearance officer participation when required.

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(b) *Government oversight and assistance.*

(1) The contract administration office will ensure regular evaluation of the contractor's performance of the plant clearance function and any corrective action required.

(2) The plant clearance officer shall—

(i) Evaluate the adequacy and ensure compliance with contractor procedures;

(ii) Ensure discrepancies are promptly resolved;

(iii) Advise the contractor of screening and inventory schedule requirements;

(iv) Respond to contractor requests to withdraw Government-furnished property from inventory schedules;

(v) Evaluate physical, quantitative, and technical allocability of contractor inventory prior to disposal using Standard Form 1423, Inventory Verification Survey, as a guide;

(vi) Direct contractor to delay disposition of nonallocable inventory pending a contracting officer decision;

(vii) With the contractor's assistance, establish criteria for review and approval of selected contractor disposal decisions;

(viii) Complete first endorsement section of DD Form 1640, Request for Plant Clearance, on referrals from plant clearance officers at prime contract administration offices for the disposal of subcontractor inventory; forward inventory schedules to the contractor for processing; and forward completed case file to the referring activity; and

(ix) Work with the contractor, screeners, and buyers to ensure that the Government receives maximum reutilization and disposal proceeds.

(c) *Accredited contractor plant clearance duties.* The accredited contractor shall—

(1) Ensure inventory schedule acceptability. Use DD Form 1637, Notice of Acceptance of Inventory, if desired;

(2) Suspend disposition of property when assets are determined nonallocable (FAR 45.606-3);

(3) Withdraw property from inventory schedules and notify the affected screening activities. Obtain plant clearance officer approval for withdrawal of Government furnished property from inventory schedules (FAR 45.606-4);

(4) Determine method of disposal under established priorities and document disposal decisions and actions;

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- (5) Assign the automatic release date and the surplus release date;
- (6) Initiate prescribed screening and effect resulting transfers and donations;
- (7) Account for disposal of all contractor inventory and application of proceeds and submit to the plant clearance officer a Standard Form 1424, Inventory Disposal Report, or equivalent;
- (8) Maintain the donable file and release property to eligible donees (FAR 45.609);
- (9) Prepare, approve, sign, and maintain official plant clearance files and required forms (245.7101);
- (10) Not conduct noncompetitive sales of surplus contractor inventory; and
- (11) Notify the plant clearance officer in advance when bidding on property.

245.603-71 Disposal of contractor inventory for NATO cooperative projects.

- (a) North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) cooperative project agreements may include disposal provisions of jointly acquired property without regard to any applicable disposal laws of the United States.
- (b) Disposal of such property may include a transfer of the U.S. interest in the property to one of the other governments participating in the agreements, or the sale of the property.
- (c) Payment for the transfer or sale of any U.S. interest shall be made in accordance with the terms of the project agreement.

245.604 Restrictions on purchase or retention of contractor inventory.

- (1) Contractors authorized to sell inventory may not knowingly sell the inventory to any person or that person's agent, employee, or household member if that person—
 - (i) Is a civilian employee of the DoD or the U.S. Coast Guard; or
 - (ii) Is a member of the armed forces of the United States, including the Coast Guard; and
 - (iii) Has any functional or supervisory responsibilities for or within the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Program, or for the disposal of contractor inventory.
- (2)(i) A contractor's authority to approve a subcontractor's sale, purchase, or retention at less than cost, and the subcontractor's authority to sell, purchase, or retain at less than cost if approved by a higher-tier contractor, does not include authority to approve—

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(A) A sale by a subcontractor to the next-higher tier contractor or to an affiliate of such contractor or of the subcontractor; or

(B) A sale, purchase, or retention at less than cost, by a subcontractor affiliated with the next higher-tier contractor.

(ii) The written approval of the plant clearance officer is required for each excluded sale, purchase, or retention at less than cost.

(3) *Demilitarization.* The contractor shall demilitarize contractor inventory possessing offensive or defense characteristics, and not required within the DoD, in accordance with Defense Demilitarization Manual, DoD 4160.21-M-1. In unusual cases the plant clearance officer may authorize the purchaser to perform the demilitarization; however, the purchaser shall not be granted such authorization if the inventory is dangerous.

(4) *Classified inventory.* Classified contractor inventory shall be disposed of in accordance with applicable security regulations or as directed by the contracting officer.

(5) *Dangerous inventory.* Contractor inventory dangerous to public health or safety shall not be donated or otherwise disposed of unless rendered innocuous or until adequate safeguards have been provided.

245.606 Inventory schedules.

245.606-3 Acceptance.

(a) If the schedules are acceptable, the plant clearance officer shall, within 15 days, complete and send the contractor a DD Form 1637, Notice of Acceptance of Inventory.

(b) To assist in verifying inventory allocability, the plant clearance officer shall follow the instructions in 245.7201.

245.606-5 Instructions for preparing and submitting schedules of contractor inventory.

(d) *General instructions for completing forms.*

(4) The contractor shall use the following codes together with the disposal codes 1 through 9, X, and S (e.g., A1, F7, SS) to indicate the condition of the property—

A--New, used, repaired, or reconditioned property; serviceable and issuable to all customers without limitations or restrictions; includes material with remaining shelf life of more than six months.

B--New, used, repaired, or reconditioned property; serviceable and issuable or for its intended purpose but restricted from issue to specific units, activities, or geographical areas because of its limited usefulness or short service-life expectancy; includes material and remaining shelf life of three to six months.

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F--Economically reparable property which requires repair, overhaul or reconditioning; includes reparable items which are radioactively contaminated.

H--Property which has been determined to be unserviceable and does not meet repair criteria.

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S--Property that has no value except for its basic material content.

(e) *Instructions for completing specific forms.*

(4) *Inventory Schedule D (Special Tooling and Special Test Equipment)*
(SF 1432).

(ii) *Description.* For termination inventory included in a settlement proposal, include cost of inventory acquired for performance of the entire contract in column F1 and cost of inventory acquired solely for the terminated portion of the contract in column F2. Cost of inventory acquired for the entire contract must be prorated between the terminated and nonterminated portions.

245.606-70 Instructions for completing DD Form 1342, DoD Property Record.

(a) The contractor shall list excess industrial plant equipment (IPE) on DD Form 1342, DoD Property Record, and submit it to the Government property administrator for review and transmittal to the plant clearance officer. For numerically controlled IPE, the contractor shall prepare and submit DD Form 1342, Section VI, (page 2), Numerically Controlled Machine Data.

(b) Upon receipt of the DD Form 1342, the plant clearance officer will—

(1) Designate the 75th day from the date of receipt as the automatic release date (ARD) and the 90th day as the screening completion date (SCD); and

(2) Enter the ARD in Block 24 of the DD Form 1342.

245.607 Scrap.

245.607-1 General.

(a)(i) The contractor may request a pre-inventory scrap determination, made by the plant clearance officer after an on-site survey, if inventory is considered without value except for scrap. If approved, the contractor may make a single descriptive entry on an inventory schedule, generally describing the property and indicating its approximate total cost. The plant clearance officer will establish a plant clearance case and perform limited screening.

(ii) If the contractor has an approved scrap procedure, routine disposal of production scrap and spoilage is authorized, and a plant clearance case is unnecessary. The contractor may similarly dispose of worn, broken, mutilated, or otherwise rejected parts from overhaul and repair contracts with the approval of the plant clearance officer.

(iii) In addition to segregating scrap to maximize proceeds, the contractor may also consolidate sales of Government and contractor scrap if approved by the plant clearance officer. When a consolidated sale is approved, the plant clearance officer shall waive the scrap warranty required at 245.607-70.

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(iv) When a contractor's approved scrap procedure does not require physical segregation of Government and contractor scrap, the plant clearance officer shall ensure the proceeds of scrap sale are equitably distributed.

245.607-2 Recovering precious metals.

(b) Precious metals are silver, gold, platinum, palladium, rhodium, iridium, osmium, and ruthenium.

(i) At the beginning of every fiscal year, the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS) will provide each contract administration office with disposition instructions for certain categories of precious metals-bearing property, including scrap and usable items containing recoverable quantities of these metals. The disposition instructions—

(A) Will remain in effect for the entire fiscal year, unless modified by DRMS; and

(B) Will contain a fund citation to be used when disposition requires shipment of precious metals-bearing property for recovery.

(ii) Plant clearance officers shall obtain disposition instructions for precious metals-bearing property not covered by the annual disposition instructions from the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service, ATTN: DRMS-OC, 74 N. Washington Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49017-3092.

245.607-70 Scrap warranty.

(a) If the contractor sells its inventory as scrap to anyone, including a holding contractor, the contractor shall include in the sales contract a signed copy of DD Form 1639, Scrap Warranty.

(b) The contracting officer may release the contractor from the terms of the scrap warranty in return for consideration paid to the Government. The consideration will represent the difference between—

(1) The sale price of the scrap; and

(2) A fair and reasonable price for the material if it had been sold for purposes other than scrap.

(c) The contractor shall pay the consideration to the Government and the Government may execute the release even though the contract containing the warranty was not made directly with the Government.

(d) If the scrap is resold to a second buyer, the first buyer shall obtain a scrap warranty from the second buyer. Upon receipt of the second buyer's scrap warranty, the Government will release the first buyer from liability under the original warranty.

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245.608 Screening of contractor inventory.

245.608-1 General.

(a) The plant clearance officer shall arrange for inspection of property at the contractor's plant if requested by a prospective transferee, in such a manner as to avoid interruption of the contractor's operations.

245.608-2 Standard screening.

(b)(1) For the first 30 days, property screening will be limited to the contracting agency and the requiring agency, when they are not the same. The requiring agency shall have priority for retention of listed items.

245.608-5 Special items screening.

(a) Special test equipment with standard components.

(1) The contractor shall report any excess special test equipment (STE) using SF 1432, Inventory Schedule D (Special Tooling and Special Test Equipment). The contractor shall list and describe on the inventory schedule all general-purpose components which, if economically severable from the STE, would otherwise be classified as industrial plant equipment (IPE), other plant equipment (OPE), or automatic data processing equipment (ADPE).

(2) The plant clearance officer will perform the initial screening of the composite STE unit.

(A) If the contracting department/agency and the requiring department/agency decline the STE or the standard components or do not approve their transfer to another contract; then,

(B) The plant clearance officer will screen the STE and any severable components with the—

(1) General Services Administration--STE unit, less any standard components, and nonreportable standard components;

(2) Defense Supply Center Richmond--IPE components;

(3) Contractor Inventory Redistribution System--OPE components;
and

(4) Defense Information Systems Agency, Chief Information Officer, Defense Automation Resources Management Program Division--ADPE components.

245.608-7 Reimbursement of cost for transfer of contractor inventory.

The Defense Logistics Agency will pay for the movement of industrial plant equipment under the direction and control of the Defense Supply Center Richmond.

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245.608-70 Contractor inventory redistribution system (CIRS).

(a) Screen serviceable and usable contractor inventory through CIRS when it—

(1) Is listed on SF 1428, Inventory Schedule B, or SF 1434, Inventory Schedule E; and

(2) Has a national stock number, and line item acquisition value in excess of \$50; or

(3) Has a line item acquisition value in excess of \$1,000 (\$500 for furniture) but no national stock number.

(b) Using Standard Form 120, Report of Excess Personal Property, the plant clearance officer will send two copies of SF 1428 or SF 1434 (or authorized substitutes) to the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS). DRMS will notify the plant clearance officer of items processed, not accepted, or available for local area screening.

(c) Property subject to CIRS processing will be screened within DoD for 30 days. On the 31st day, unless otherwise specified on SF Form 120, appropriate items not requisitioned by DoD will be reported to the General Services Administration (GSA) for standard Federal agency and donation screening. Examples of items which are not reportable to GSA include usable hazardous cleaners and solvents.

(d) For requisitioned items, DRMS will issue shipping instructions to the plant clearance officer. During the first 45 days of the screening period, the plant clearance officer forwards any requisitions received to DRMS. After 45 days, the plant clearance officer forwards the requisition directly to GSA.

(e) The contractor sends one copy of the shipping document to DRMS when shipment has been made.

(f) Unless directed by the contracting officer, motor vehicles excess to Army and Navy contracts shall not be screened through CIRS.

245.608-71 Screening industrial plant equipment.

(a) *Reporting.* Within 15 days of receipt, the plant clearance officer will forward two copies of the DD Form 1342, DoD Property Record, to the Defense Supply Center Richmond (DSCR), ATTN: JH, 8000 Jefferson Davis Highway, Richmond, VA 23297-5100, for all IPE not condition coded “X” or “S.” Process IPE condition coded “X” or “S” in accordance with department or agency procedures.

(b) *Screening.*

(1) First 30 days. DSCR will—

(i) Screen excess IPE against all DoD requirements with priority given to requirements of the owning department/agency through the 30th day.

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(ii) For items selected, issue shipping instructions containing accounting, funding, transportation, routing recommendations, and preservation instructions.

(2) 31st through 75th day.

(i) DSCR will report excess IPE to GSA on 31st day.

(ii) GSA will—

(A) Approve department/agency requests on first come-first served basis;

(B) Approve and forward transfer orders to the contract administration office; and

(C) Forward copies of approved transfer orders to DSCR.

(3) 76th through 90th day. GSA will—

(i) Provide for screening for donation;

(ii) Receive, approve and forward donation applications to the contract administration office; and

(iii) Send copies of approved applications to DSCR.

(4) After 90th day. If DoD requirement is identified, and item is available, ship item against the requirement unless compelling reasons exist for not shipping item.

(c) The plant clearance officer shall ensure that a copy of the shipping document is submitted to DSCR when IPE is transferred use-to-use or use-to-storage within DoD.

(d) When GSA sells IPE that is excess to ownership but not to DoD requirements, report the sale to DSCR in accordance with department/agency procedures.

245.608-72 Screening excess automatic data processing equipment (ADPE).

Report ADPE that is Government-owned or leased by the contractor (with Government purchase option or other interests, including use rights) to the Defense Information Systems Agency, Defense Automation Resources Management Program Division (DARMP). DARMP does all required screening, including General Services Administration screening, for ADPE. (See the Defense Automation Resources Management Manual.)

245.609 Donations.

Agencies may donate, with GSA approval and without expense to the United States, certain material not needed by DoD to certain organizations such as veterans' organizations, soldiers' monument associations, State museums, and incorporated educational, not for profit museums. For further guidance, see DoD 4160.21-M, Defense Reutilization and Disposal Manual.

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245.610 Sale of surplus contractor inventory.

245.610-1 Responsibility.

- (a) See Subpart 245.73 for sales of contractor inventory under the control of DoD.

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245.610-3 Proceeds of sale.

(1) Unless otherwise provided in the contract, the proceeds of any sale, purchase, or retention shall be—

- (i) Credited to the Government as part of the settlement agreement;
- (ii) Credited to the price or cost of the contract;
- (iii) Applied as otherwise directed by the contracting officer; or
- (iv) Forwarded to the plant clearance officer. The plant clearance officer—

(A) Within two days after receipt will send the proceeds and a DD Form 1131, Cash Collection Voucher, to the designated disbursing officer. Identify on the DD Form 1131 the contractor name and contract number; or

(B) For contractors with an approved scrap procedure, will ensure the proceeds are appropriately applied to an overhead account. The plant clearance officer may assign a representative who, with the assistance of the contract auditor, shall periodically validate that proceeds from sales of production generated scrap are collected and applied to the appropriate account.

(2) Except as prescribed in paragraph (1)(iv)(B) of this subsection, the plant clearance officer will not close the plant clearance case until verification is received that the credit has, in fact, been properly applied.

245.610-4 Contractor inventory in foreign countries.

(1) Normally, DRMS disposal activities shall be used to dispose of surplus contractor inventory located outside the United States or Canada. However, if authorized by the contracting officer, a contractor may sell or make other disposition of inventory in foreign countries.

(2) Sale or other disposition of foreign inventory by the contractor, including sale to foreign governments, requires that—

(i) The sales contract or other document transferring title include the following certificate:

“The Purchaser certifies that the property covered by this contract will be used in (name of country). In the event of resale or export by the Purchaser of any of the property acquired at a price in excess of \$1,000 United States dollars or equivalent in other currency at the official exchange rate, the Purchaser agrees to obtain the approval of (name and address of Contracting Officer)”; and

(ii) The contracting officer approve sales contracts, resales, or exports. Approval is permitted only if—

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(A) The proposed purchaser's name is not on the list of Parties Excluded from Procurement Programs; and

(B) The sales contract or other document forbids exports by purchasers and subpurchasers to communist areas (FAR 25.702) or other prohibited destinations.

245.612 Removal and storage.

245.612-3 Special storage at the Government's expense.

(a) Before authorizing storage, the contracting officer shall ensure funds are available to pay for the storage and related tasks. In addition, the contracting officer shall ensure an annual review of the need for continued storage at Government expense.

(b) All storage contracts or agreements shall be fully funded and separately priced and shall include all allocable costs.

245.613 Property disposal determinations.

The plant clearance officer shall—

- (1) Record the reason for disposing of the property—
 - (i) As scrap and salvage;
 - (ii) By abandonment or destruction; and
 - (iii) By noncompetitive sale;
- (2) Use DD Form 1641, Disposal Determination/Approval, to record disposal determinations; and
- (3) File the completed form in the plant clearance case file.