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Subject: Proposed Standard Form 330, Architect-Engineer Qualifications

Applicability: Information

1. The public comment period for the proposed SF 330 opened on 19 October 2001, and closed on 8 January 2002. The two-part SF 330 will eventually replace the current SFs 254 and 255, that have remained essentially unchanged since their introduction in 1975. The form expands essential information, eliminates redundant and marginal information, and reflects current A-E disciplines and experiences. Part I presents contract-specific qualifications, and Part II general qualifications.

2. An extensive number of comments were received from 110 individuals, organizations and agencies. Overall, the comments supported the introduction of the new form, but many valid concerns and recommended improvements were registered. On 29 January 2002, the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat referred the comments to the ad-hoc committee that developed the form. The committee consists of senior personnel from the General Services Administration (chair), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and Department of Veterans Affairs.

3. The committee is now cataloging and evaluating the comments. Each comment must be addressed and the form revised to represent the best consensus solution to all of the varied and numerous comments. The ad-hoc committee estimates that its work will take until August 2002. Then the revised form must be staffed through the appropriate FAR committees, the FAR Secretariat, and the Office of Management and Budget before it is published in the Federal Register as a final rule. This regulatory review and approval could take an additional six months, or about February 2003. The effective date for the SF 330 will be at least six months after the final rule is published (August 2003) to allow the industry time to convert to the new form. *Until the new form is officially adopted, continue to use SFs 254 and 255.*

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