

Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council Seeks Comments Regarding Climate Change Regulations; Extends Filing Deadline To January 13, 2022

The Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council (“FAR Council”) has requested comments on ways that the Federal Acquisition Regulations could be amended to address climate change in government procurement. The FAR Council is taking action in response to [Executive Order 14030, Climate-Related Financial Risk](#) (“EO 14030”). This Executive Order requires the FAR Council to consider requiring major federal suppliers to publicly disclose greenhouse gas emissions and climate-related financial risk. Additional information is available in an October 15, 2021 [Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking](#) (“ANPRM”) entitled *Minimizing the Risk of Climate Change in Federal Acquisitions*. As part of this ANPRM, the FAR Council requested responses to the following questions:

- How can greenhouse gas emissions, including the social cost of greenhouse gases, best be qualitatively and quantitatively considered in federal procurement decisions, both domestic and overseas? How might this vary across different sectors?
- What are usable and respected methodologies for measuring the greenhouse gases emissions over the lifecycle of the products procured or leased, or of the services performed?
- How can procurement and program officials of major Federal agency procurements better incorporate and mitigate climate-related financial risk? How else might the Federal Government consider and minimize climate-related financial risks through procurement decisions, both domestic and overseas?
- How would (or how does) your organization provide greenhouse gas emission data for proposals and/or contract performance?
- How might the Federal Government best standardize greenhouse gas emission reporting methods? How might the Government verify greenhouse gas emissions reporting?
- How might the Federal Government give preference to bids and proposals from suppliers, both domestic and overseas, to achieve reductions in greenhouse gas emissions or reduce the social cost of greenhouse gas emissions most effectively?

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