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POLICY ALERT
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Set-Asides for Small Business

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Federal Acquisition Regulation Change Notice 2005-54, Item VI - Set-Asides
for Small Business (FAR Case 2011-024)

TYPE OF ACTION: Interim Rule

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 2, 2011

SUMMARY: This interim rule amends the Federal Acquisition Regulation to implement section 1331 of Public Law 111-240, the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010, providing agencies with the legal authority to set aside or reserve multiple-award contracts and orders. Specifically, section 1331 authorizes agencies to (1) Set aside part or parts of multiple-award contracts; (2) set aside orders placed against multiple-award contracts; and (3) reserve one or more multiple-award contracts for small business concerns that are awarded using full and open competition.

ACTION REQUIRED: Contracting Officers are encouraged to identify existing or prospective multiple-award contracts with small business contract holders where order set-asides may be appropriate, and maximize opportunities for small business by utilizing order set-asides under the Federal Supply Schedule Program.

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