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53.104 Overprinting.

Standard and optional forms (obtained as required by 53.107) may be overprinted with names, addresses, and other uniform entries that are consistent with the purpose of the form and that do not alter the form in any way. Exception approval for overprinting is not needed.

53.105 Computer generation.

- (a) Agencies may computer-generate the Standard and Optional Forms prescribed in the FAR without exception approval (see 53.103), provided—
- (1) The form is in an electronic format that complies with Federal Information Processing Standard Number 161: or
- (2) There is no change to the name, content, or sequence of the data elements, and the form carries the Standard or Optional Form number and edition date.
- (b) The forms prescribed by this part may be computer generated by the public. Unless prohibited by agency regulations, forms prescribed by agency FAR supplements may also be computer generated by the public. Computer generated forms shall either comply with Federal Information Processing Standard Number 161 or shall retain the name, content, or sequence of the data elements, and shall carry the Standard or Optional Form or agency number and edition date (see 53.111).

[60 FR 34741, July 3, 1995]

53.106 Special construction and printing.

Contracting offices may request exceptions (see 53.103) to standard forms for special construction and printing. Examples of common exceptions are as follows:

Standard Forms	Special Construction and Printing
(a) SF 18—	(1) With vertical lines omitted (for listing of supplies and services, unit, etc.);
	(2) As reproducible masters; and/or
	(3) In carbon interleaved pads or sets.
(b) SF's 26,30,33,1447—.	As die-cut stencils or reproducible mas- ters.
(c) SF 44—	(1) With serial numbers and contracting office name and address; and/or

Standard Forms	Special Construction and Printing
Standard Forms (d) SF 1442—	Special Construction and Printing (2) On special weight of paper and with the type of construction, number of sets per book, and number of parts per set as specified by the contracting officer. (Executive agencies may supplement the administrative instructions on the inside front cover of the book.) (1) As die-cut stencils or reproducible
	masters; and/or (2) With additional wording as required by the executive agency. (However, the sequence and wording of the items appearing on the prescribed form should not be altered.)

[48 FR 42637, Sept. 19, 1983, as amended at 51 FR 27121, July 29, 1986; 54 FR 48998, Nov. 28, 1989]

53.107 Obtaining forms.

- (a) Executive agencies shall obtain standard and optional forms from the General Services Administration (GSA) by using GSA Supply Catalog Office Products (see 41 CFR 101–26.302). Standard forms adapted for computer preparation (see 53.105) or with special construction and printing (see 53.106) that are not available from GSA may be ordered directly from the Government Printing Office (GPO).
- (b) Contractors and other parties may obtain standard and optional forms from the Superintendent of Documents, GPO, Washington, DC 20402. Standard and optional forms not available from the Superintendent of Documents may be obtained from the prescribing agency.
- (c) Agency forms may be obtained from the prescribing agency.

53.108 Recommendations concerning forms.

Users of this regulation may recommend new forms or the revision, elimination, or consolidation of the forms prescribed or referenced in this regulation. Recommendations from within an executive agency shall be submitted to the cognizant council in accordance with agency procedures. Recommendations from other than executive agencies should be submitted directly to the FAR Secretariat.

53.109 Forms prescribed by other regulations.

Certain forms referred to in Subpart 53.2 are prescribed in other regulations

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and are specified by the FAR for use in acquisition. For each of these forms, the prescribing agency is identified by means of a parenthetical notation after the form number. For example, SF 1165, which is prescribed by the General Accounting Office (GAO), is identified as SF 1165(GAO).

53.110 Continuation sheets.

Except as may be otherwise indicated in the FAR, all standard forms prescribed by the FAR may be continued on (a) plain paper of similar specification, or (b) specially constructed continuation sheets (e.g., OF 336). Continuation sheets shall be annotated in the upper right-hand corner with the reference number of the document being continued and the serial page number.

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53.111 Contract clause.

Contracting officers shall insert the clause at 52.253–1, Computer Generated Forms, in solicitations and contracts that require the contractor to submit data on Standard or Optional Forms prescribed by this regulation; and, unless prohibited by agency regulations, forms prescribed by agency supplements.

 $[55\;\mathrm{FR}\;52800,\,\mathrm{Dec.}\;21,\,1990]$

Subpart 53.2—Prescription of Forms

53.200 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes standard forms and references optional forms and agency-prescribed forms for use in acquisition. Consistent with the approach used in subpart 52.2, this subpart is arranged by subject matter, in the same order as, and keyed to, the parts of the FAR in which the form usage requirements are addressed. For example, forms addressed in FAR part 14, Sealed Bidding, are treated in this subpart in section 53.214, Sealed Bidding; forms addressed in FAR part 43, Contract Modifications, are treated in this subpart in section 53.243, Contract modifications. The following example illustrates how the subjects are keyed to the parts in which they are addressed:

53.243 Contract Modifications (SF 30).

SECTION (KEYED TO FAR PART CONTAINING SUBJECT MATTER: USAGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SF 30 ARE ADDRESSED IN PART 43, CONTRACT MODIFICATIONS)

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53.201 Federal acquisition system.

53.201-1 Contracting authority and responsibilities (SF 1402).

SF 1402 (10/83), Certificate of Appointment. SF 1402 is prescribed for use in appointing contracting officers, as specified in 1.603–3.

53.202-53.203 [Reserved]

53.204 Administrative matters.

53.204-1 Safeguarding classified information within industry (DD Form 254, DD Form 441).

The following forms, which are prescribed by the Department of Defense, shall be used by agencies covered by the Defense Industrial Security Program if contractor access to classified information is required, as specified in subpart 4.4 and the clause at 52.204–2:

- (a) DD Form 254 (Department of Defense (DOD)), Contract Security Classification Specification. (See 4.403(c)(1).)
- (b) *DD Form 441 (DOD)*, *Security Agreement*. (See paragraph (b) of the clause at 52.204–2.)

53.204-2 Contract reporting.

The following forms are prescribed for use by executive agencies in reporting contract actions, as specified in 4.602(c):

- (a) SF 279 (Rev. 10/00), Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) Individual Contract Action Report (See 4.602(c).)
- (b) SF 281 (Rev. 10/00), Federal Procurement Data System (FPDS) Summary Contract Action Report (\$25,000 or Less). (See 4.602(c).)

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