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regulations on the operations of common carriers and prescribe accounting principles to use to establish rates.

239.7404 Foreign carriers.

(a) Frequently, foreign carriers are owned by the government of the country in which they operate. The foreign governments often prescribe the methods of doing business. In many countries, an international agreement with the host country sets guidelines for acquiring communication services. In some countries, a corporate subsidiary of a carrier not indigenous to the country (often a U.S. parent) is the sole source for telecommunications services.

(b) Contracts for telecommunications services in foreign countries should describe rates and practices in as much detail as possible. It is DoD policy not to pay discriminatory rates. DoD should pay a reasonable rate for telecommunications services or the rate charged the military of that country, whichever is less.

(c) Refer special problems with telecommunications acquisition in foreign countries to higher headquarters for resolution with appropriate State Department representatives.

239.7405 Multiyear contracting authority for telecommunications resources.

(a) The General Services Administration (GSA) has exclusive multiyear contracting authority for telecommunications resources. However, GSA may delegate this authority in certain instances (see Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) 101-35.6).

(b) In accordance with FPMR 101-35.6, executive agencies may enter into multiyear contracts for telecommunications resources if—

(1) The agency notifies GSA prior to using GSA's multiyear contracting authority;

(2) The contract life, including options, does not exceed 10 years; and

(3) The agency complies with OMB budget and accounting procedures relating to appropriated funds.

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239.7406 Cost or pricing data and information other than cost or pricing data.

(a) Common carriers are not required to submit cost or pricing data before award of contracts for tariffed services. Rates or preliminary estimates quoted by a common carrier for tariffed telecommunications services are considered to be prices set by regulation within the provisions of 10 U.S.C. 2306a. This is true even if the tariff is set after execution of the contract.

(b) Rates or preliminary estimates quoted by a common carrier for nontariffed telecommunications services or by a noncommon carrier for any telecommunications service are not considered prices set by law or regulation.

(c) Contracting officers shall obtain sufficient information to determine that the prices are reasonable. For example, cost or pricing data, if required in accordance with FAR 15.403-4, or information other than cost or pricing data, if required in accordance with FAR 15.403-3, may be necessary to support the reasonableness of—

(1) Nontariffed services;

(2) Special rates and charges not included in a tariff, whether filed or to be filed;

(3) Special assembly rates and charges;

(4) Special construction and equipment charges;

(5) Contingent liabilities that are fixed at the outset of the service;

(6) Proposed cancellation and termination charges under the clause at 252.239-7007, Cancellation or Termination of Orders—Common Carriers, and reuse arrangements under the clause at 252.239-7008, Reuse Arrangements;

(7) Rates contained in voluntary tariffs filed by nondominant common carriers; or

(8) A tariff, whether filed or to be filed, for new services installed or developed primarily for Government use.

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