

APD ALERT

Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation Agency Prefix Validation Rules to the Procurement Instrument Identifier



The Federal Procurement Data System – Next Generation (FPDS-NG) will be enhanced to add Agency prefix validation rules to the Procurement Instrument Identifier (PIID). This enhancement will apply to PIID's for initial award records only, not to modifications. Modifications to existing awards and indefinite delivery vehicle (IDV) records will use the same PIID as the base record.

Background

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) has a requirement that each PIID be unique for 20 years. To facilitate this requirement, each Agency is required by FAR subpart 4 to register a unique PIID prefix in FPDS-NG. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) has registered "AG" as the USDA unique PIID Prefix. This prefix was first mentioned in APD Alert 2003-10, Document Numbering Requirements for FPDS-NG and the Integrated Acquisition System, dated September 2003.

PIID Validation Rule Changes

The following validations will be added to FPDS-NG, and enforcement will begin after Service Pack 33.0 is installed on November 18, 2005:

- IDVs will use the registered Agency prefix and the PIID must be unique.
- All Definitive Contracts and Purchase Orders will use the registered Agency prefix and the PIID must be unique.

- All Delivery/Task Orders and Blanket Purchase Agreement (BPA) calls where the contract (IDV) is used by more than one Agency (Government wide Acquisition Contracts, Multi-Agency Contract, Federal Supply Schedules, and Multi-Agency Indefinite Delivery Contracts (IDC) will use the registered agency prefix and the combination of PIID and referenced IDV contract number must be unique.
- All Delivery/Task Orders and BPA calls where the contract (IDV) is a single-agency contract (BPA, Basic Ordering Agreement, and single-agency IDC) will use the registered Agency prefix and the combination of PIID and referenced IDV contract number.

Agencies will not be permitted to use the PIID prefix registered to other Agencies.

Effective Date of Validation Rule Changes

Enforcement of these validation rule changes will begin on November 19, 2005.

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