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SUMMARY OF MOST SIGNIFICANT CHANGES

1. Throughout the entire PPR—Approximately 600 changes in titles and organizations were made to reflect GPO infrastructure reorganizations and functional realignments over the past 11 years.
2. Chapter I, General—Pursuant to GPO Directive 110.15C, U.S. Government Printing Office (GPO) Contract Review Board, approved by the Deputy Public Printer on March 29, 2010, the Contract Review Board (CRB) review and concurrence process has been simplified and monetary thresholds increased, thereby reducing the CRB's role in the procurement of printing, binding, related supplies, and related services.
3. Chapter I, General—As a ready reference to ensure accurate and complete documentation, a listing of circumstances for using determinations and findings (D&Fs) was added.
4. Chapter II, Procurement Reporting—All reports were deleted in their entirety, because the cited reports are obsolete, and, as such, no longer being performed by Agency Publishing Services (APS).
5. Chapter III, Contractor Labor Relations—There are no significant changes to identify for this chapter.
6. Chapter IV, Socioeconomic Programs—Section 1's references to a set-aside program for small disadvantaged businesses is deleted in its entirety, because it covered a Department of Defense program discontinued after issuance of the PPR in May 1999.
7. Chapter IV, Socioeconomic Programs—The processes and documentation were updated to ensure consistency with amendments to the Javitts-Wagner-O'Day Act and the newly evolved AbilityOne Program.
8. Chapter V, Transportation and Traffic Management—Definitions, converting shipping terms in contracts, requesting freight rates, and obtaining bills of lading were all updated to conform to current transportation and traffic management processes.
9. Chapter VI, Contract Financing—Assignment of claims processing has been updated to conform to how assignment of claims must now be processed.
10. Chapter VII, Contracting Methods—The methods for procuring printing, binding, related supplies, and related services by sealed bid (including term contract, and display bid) and two-step formal advertising have been updated by eliminating inefficient steps.
11. Chapter VII, Contracting Methods—The threshold for small purchases has been increased from \$50,000 to \$100,000, thereby incorporating the June 18, 2003 pen-and-ink change, which paved the way for an inestimable number of procurements to become eligible for small purchase processing.
12. Chapter VII, Contracting Methods—While previously in force per an October 27, 2003 pen-and-ink change, new and extensive guidance on using fixed-price indefinite quantity contracts has been added.
13. Chapter VII, Contracting Methods—All guidance on competitive negotiations and noncompetitive negotiations has been updated by eliminating inefficient steps and made more reader friendly by revising the pre-existing language.

14. Chapter VII, Contracting Methods—The competitive negotiations procedures of the Materials Management Acquisition Regulation (MMAR) have been added as a new tool for competitively negotiated procurements of printing, binding, related supplies, and related services.
15. Chapter VII, Contracting Methods—Processing simplified purchase agreements has been updated by eliminating inefficient steps and revising the language to be more user friendly.
16. Chapter VIII, Preliminary Procurement Procedures—Requisition processing has been heavily rewritten by eliminating inefficient steps and inserting guidance that is consistent with how the processing is now being done to ensure cost effectiveness and efficiencies that best support the GPO, GPO's customers, GPO's private industry base, and the Public.
17. Chapter VIII, Preliminary Procurement Procedures—The CRB's role in reviewing and concurring on quantity increases has been reduced, while Contracting Officer authority, responsibility, and accountability for increased quantities has been broadened.
18. Chapter IX, Quality Assurance Program—To address concerns raised by the Government Accountability Office (GAO), the locations of standards and specifications have been added.
19. Chapter X, Solicitation—There are no significant changes to identify for this chapter.
20. Chapter XII, Certification and Award—The preaward survey process was rewritten by eliminating inefficient steps and inserting guidance that is consistent with how the processing is now being done to ensure cost effectiveness and efficiencies that best support the GPO, GPO's customers, GPO's private industry base, and the Public.
21. Chapter XII, Certification and Award—Pursuant to GPO Directive 910.1B, Mistakes in Bid, approved by the Deputy Public Printer on March 29, 2010, approval authority for who may process and approve mistakes in bid may now include APS personnel other than the CRB Chairperson, who previously held that exclusive authority.
22. Chapter XIII, Contract Administration and Compliance—Direct-deal term contracts, program setup procedures, print order processing, prior-to-production samples, contractor compliance, and customer complaints have been updated by eliminating inefficient steps and inserting guidance that is consistent with how the processing is now being done to ensure cost effectiveness and efficiencies that best support the GPO, GPO's customers, GPO's private industry base, and the Public.
23. Chapter XIV, Contract Terminations—Regarding both termination for default and termination for convenience, multiple language changes were scattered throughout the chapter for clarity and reading ease.
24. Chapter XV, Disputes, Claims, Appeals, and Protests—Regarding GAO's current role, rules, and contact information in disputes, claims, appeals, and protests, multiple updates were inserted for conformity to GAO's requirements.
25. Chapter XV, Disputes, Claims, Appeals, and Protests—Regarding disputes, claims, appeals, and protests, multiple language changes were scattered throughout the chapter for clarity and reading ease.
26. Chapter XVI, Contract Clauses—No changes were made to this chapter.