

GSA Networkx Update

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CPARS ANNUAL RATINGS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE ORDERING AGENCIES

Introduction

This bulletin provides guidance information in reference to entering CPARS annual ratings by customer agencies for orders placed under the Networkx contracts.

- 1.) CPARS annual ratings for orders placed against the Networkx contracts are the sole responsibility of the Ordering Agencies. Per FAR part 42.1502 *Past performance evaluations shall be prepared at least annually and at the time the work under a contract or order is completed. Past performance information shall be entered into CPARS, the Governmentwide evaluation reporting tool for all past performance reports on contracts and orders above the SAT for civilian agencies and above one million dollars for services for DOD (see DFARS deviation 242.1502)*. Please note GSA is not responsible for entering annual ratings into CPARS for agency task orders. Ordering agencies are solely responsible for providing annual past performance evaluations entered into CPARS for their orders.
- 2.) Please be certain to enter a dollar value into CPARS when entering annual ratings. CPARS ratings do not pass from CPARS to PPIRS unless a dollar value is entered into CPARS. CPARS ratings without dollar values cannot be seen by GSA or other agencies in PPIRS. (See Table 1, below for dollar thresholds).

The next generation of Telecommunication contracts will utilize the past performance ratings in PPIRS. It is in the Government's best interest to ensure that your CPARS ratings are entered in accordance with the FAR and DFARS so that they may be used in future acquisitions.

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Table 1 – Business Sector, Dollar Threshold and Reviewing Official

Business Sector	Dollar Threshold¹	Reviewing Official²
Civilian Agencies (excludes DoD):		
All Business Sectors (Systems and Non- Systems)	>Simplified Acquisition Threshold	One level above the Contracting Officer, as determined by Department or Agency policy
DoD Services and Agencies:		
Systems (includes new development and major modifications)	>\$5,000,000	One level above the PM ³
Non-Systems		
Operations Support Services	>\$5,000,000 ⁴	One level above the AO
Information Technology	>\$1,000,000	One level above the AO
Ship Repair and Overhaul	>\$500,000	One level above the AO
<p>¹The contract/order thresholds for CPAR collection (see FAR 42.1502) apply to the “aggregate” value of contracts/orders; that is, if a contract’s/order’s original award value were less than the applicable threshold but subsequently the contract/order was modified and the new value is greater than the threshold, then evaluations are required to be made, starting with the first anniversary that the contract’s/order’s face value exceeded the threshold. If the total contract/order value including unexercised options and orders (for IDIQ contracts, total estimated value of unexercised options and orders) is expected to exceed the collection threshold, initiate the collection process at the start of the contract/order. Buying activities may choose to collect performance evaluations for awards below these thresholds.</p> <p>²Only required when the contractor indicates non-concurrence with the CPAR or if otherwise requested by the contractor during the 30-calendar day comment period.</p> <p>³(Or equivalent individual) responsible for program, project or task/job order execution.</p> <p>⁴For contracts/orders under the reporting thresholds, buying activities should continue to accumulate contractor performance data from existing management information systems, which already capture data on timeliness of delivery and quality of product or service (an example of a performance information collection systems is the Past Performance Information Retrieval System - Statistical Reporting Module).</p>		