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**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY****48 CFR Parts 1532 and 1552****[EPA-HQ-OMS-2020-0389; FRL-10021-63-OMS]****Environmental Protection Agency Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR); Electronic Invoicing and the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP)****AGENCY:** Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).**ACTION:** Proposed rule.**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is amending an existing EPAAR clause to further address electronic invoicing at EPA via the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP).**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before June 14, 2021.**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OMS-2020-0389, at <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from *Regulations.gov*. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (*i.e.* on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit <http://www2.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Thomas Valentino, Policy, Training and Oversight Division, Acquisition Policy and Training Branch (3802R), Environmental Protection Agency, 1200 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20460; telephone number: (202) 564-4522; email address: [valentino.thomas@epa.gov](mailto:valentino.thomas@epa.gov).**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. General Information**

1. *Submitting Classified Business Information.* Do not submit CBI to EPA website <https://www.regulations.gov> or email. Clearly mark the part or all of the information that you claim to be CBI. For CBI information in a disk or CD-ROM that you mail to EPA, mark the outside of the disk or CD-ROM as CBI, and then identify electronically within the disk or CD-ROM the specific information that is claimed as CBI. In addition to one complete version of the comment that includes information claimed as CBI, a copy of the comment that does not contain the information claimed as CBI must be submitted for inclusion in the public docket. Information so marked will not be disclosed except in accordance with procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2.

2. *Tips for Preparing Your Comments.* When submitting comments, remember to:

- Identify the rulemaking by docket number and other identifying information (subject heading, **Federal Register** date and page number).
- Follow directions—The Agency may ask you to respond to specific questions or organize comments by referencing a *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part or section number.
- Explain why you agree or disagree, suggest alternatives, and substitute language for your requested changes.
- Describe any assumptions and provide any technical information and/or data that you used.
- If you estimate potential costs or burdens, explain how you arrived at your estimate in sufficient detail to allow for it to be reproduced.
- Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns, and suggest alternatives.
- Explain your views as clearly as possible, avoiding the use of profanity or personal threats.
- Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline identified.

3. *Instructions:* All submissions received must include the Docket ID No. for this rulemaking. Comments received may be posted without change to <https://www.regulations.gov/>, including any personal information provided. For detailed instructions on sending comments and additional information on the rulemaking process, see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this document. Out of an abundance of caution for members of the public and our staff, the EPA Docket Center and Reading Room are closed to the public, with limited exceptions, to reduce the

risk of transmitting COVID-19. Our Docket Center staff will continue to provide remote customer service via email, phone, and webform. We encourage the public to submit comments via <https://www.regulations.gov/> or email, as there may be a delay in processing mail and faxes. Hand deliveries and couriers may be received by scheduled appointment only. For further information on EPA Docket Center services and the current status, please visit us online at <https://www.epa.gov/dockets>. The EPA continues to carefully and continuously monitor information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), local area health departments, and our Federal partners so that we can respond rapidly as conditions change regarding COVID-19.

**II. Background**

The EPA is amending an existing EPAAR clause to further address electronic invoicing at EPA via the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP). Currently EPA has one clause that addresses IPP, which is clause 1552.232-70, *Submission of Invoices*. Clause 1552.232-70 is written for cost-reimbursable and time-and-materials contracts and orders where considerable supporting documentation is required. Such documentation is necessary for those types of contracts and orders but is not necessary for other contract types, like firm-fixed-price (FFP). Therefore, the subject clause is being amended to include other contract and order types like FFP, when it is not suitable to use clause 1552.232-70 in its current form.

**III. Proposed Rule**

The proposed rule amends EPA Acquisition Regulation (EPAAR) part 1532, *Contract Financing*, by amending § 1532.908, *Contract Clauses*. EPAAR Subpart 1552.2, *Texts of Provisions and Clauses*, is amended by modifying EPAAR § 1552.232-70 and also changing the clause title, from *Submission of Invoices to Additional Instructions for Submission of Electronic Invoices via the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP)*.

1. EPAAR § 1532.908 amends the prescription for use of § 1552.232-70 by adding a prescription for Alternate 2 use.

2. EPAAR § 1552.232-70, *Submission of Invoices*, is changed to *Additional Instructions for Submission of Electronic Invoices via the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP)*, and adds an Alternate 2.

#### IV. Statutory and Executive Orders Reviews

##### *A. Executive Order 12866: Regulatory Planning and Review and Executive Order 13563: Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review*

This action is not a “significant regulatory action” under the terms of Executive Order (E.O.) 12866 (58 FR 51735, October 4, 1993) and is therefore not subject to review under the E.O.

##### *B. Paperwork Reduction Act*

This action does not impose an information collection burden under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.* Burden is defined at 5 CFR 1320.3(b).

##### *C. Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), as Amended by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996 (SBREFA), 5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.*

The Regulatory Flexibility Act generally requires an agency to prepare a regulatory flexibility analysis of any rule subject to notice and comment rulemaking requirements under the Administrative Procedure Act or any other statute; unless the agency certifies that the rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. Small entities include small businesses, small organizations, and small governmental jurisdictions. For purposes of assessing the impact of this proposed rule on small entities, “small entity” is defined as: (1) A small business that meets the definition of a small business found in the Small Business Act and codified at 13 CFR 121.201; (2) a small governmental jurisdiction that is a government of a city, county, town, school district or special district with a population of less than 50,000; or (3) a small organization that is any not-for-profit enterprise which is independently owned and operated and is not dominant in its field. After considering the economic impacts of this rule on small entities, I certify that this action will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. In determining whether a rule has a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities, the impact of concern is any significant adverse economic impact on small entities, because the primary purpose of the regulatory flexibility analyses is to identify and address regulatory alternatives “which minimize any significant economic impact of the proposed rule on small entities” 5 U.S.C. 503 and 604. Thus, an agency may certify that a rule will not have a significant economic impact on a

substantial number of small entities if the rule relieves regulatory burden, or otherwise has a positive economic effect on all of the small entities subject to the rule. This action establishes a new EPAAR clause that will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. We continue to be interested in the potential impacts of the rule on small entities and welcome comments on issues related to such impacts.

##### *D. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act*

Title II of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA, Pub. L. 104–4), establishes requirements for Federal agencies to assess the effects of their regulatory actions on State, Local, and Tribal governments and the private sector. This rule contains no Federal mandates (under the regulatory provisions of the Title II of the UMRA) for State, Local, and Tribal governments or the private sector. The rule imposes no enforceable duty on any State, Local or Tribal governments or the private sector. Thus, the rule is not subject to the requirements of sections 202 and 205 of the UMRA.

##### *E. Executive Order 13132: Federalism*

Executive Order 13132, entitled “Federalism” (64 FR 43255, August 10, 1999), requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure “meaningful and timely input by State and Local officials in the development of regulatory policies that have federalism implications.” “Policies that have federalism implications” is defined in the Executive Order to include regulations that have “substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government.” This rule does not have federalism implications. It will not have substantial direct effects on the States, on the relationship between the national government and the States, or on the distribution of power and responsibilities among the various levels of government as specified in Executive Order 13132.

##### *F. Executive Order 13175: Consultation and Coordination With Indian Tribal Governments*

Executive Order 13175, entitled “Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribal Governments” (65 FR 67249, November 9, 2000), requires EPA to develop an accountable process to ensure “meaningful and timely input by tribal officials in the development of regulatory policies that have tribal

implications.” This rule does not have tribal implications as specified in Executive Order 13175.

##### *G. Executive Order 13045: Protection of Children From Environmental Health and Safety Risks*

Executive Order 13045, entitled “Protection of Children from Environmental Health and Safety Risks” (62 FR 19885, April 23, 1997), applies to any rule that: (1) Is determined to be economically significant as defined under E.O. 12886, and (2) concerns an environmental health or safety risk that may have a proportionate effect on children. This rule is not subject to E.O. 13045 because it is not an economically significant rule as defined by Executive Order 12866, and because it does not involve decisions on environment health or safety risks.

##### *H. Executive Order 13211: Actions That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use*

This action is not subject to Executive Order 13211, “Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution or Use” (66 FR 28335 (May 22, 2001), because it is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866.

##### *I. National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995 (NTTAA)*

Section 12(d) (15 U.S.C. 272 note) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995, Public Law 104–113, directs EPA to use voluntary consensus standards in its regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. Voluntary consensus standards are technical standards (e.g., materials specifications, test methods, sampling procedures and business practices) that are developed or adopted by voluntary consensus standards bodies. The NTTAA directs EPA to provide Congress, through OMB, explanations when the Agency decides not to use available and applicable voluntary consensus standards. This action does not involve technical standards. Therefore, EPA is not considering the use of any voluntary consensus standards.

##### *J. Executive Order 12898: Federal Actions To Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations*

Executive Order 12898 (59 FR 7629 (February 16, 1994) establishes federal executive policy on environmental justice. Its main provision directs federal agencies, to the greatest extent practicable and permitted by law, to

make environmental justice part of their mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects of their programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations in the United States. EPA has determined that this proposed rule will not have disproportionately high and adverse human health or environmental effects on minority or low-income populations because it does not affect the level of protection provided to human health or the environment in the general public.

#### K. Congressional Review Act

The Congressional Review Act, 5 U.S.C. 801 *et seq.*, as added by the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act of 1996, generally provides that before a major rule may take effect, the agency promulgating the rule must submit a rule report, which includes a copy of the rule, to each House of the Congress and to the Comptroller General of the United States. Section 804(2) defines a “major rule” as any rule that the Administrator of the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs of the Office of Management and Budget finds has resulted in or is likely to result in (1) an annual effect on the economy of \$100,000,000 or more; (2) a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; or (3) significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or on the ability of United States-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises in domestic and export markets. EPA is not required to submit a rule report regarding this action under section 801 as this is not a major rule by definition.

#### List of Subjects in 48 CFR Parts 1532 and 1552

Environmental protection, Accounting, Government procurement, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

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For the reasons set forth in the preamble, EPA proposes to amend EPAAR parts 1532 and 1552 as follows:

### PART 1532—CONTRACT FINANCING

- 1. The authority citations for part 1532 continue to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301 and 41 U.S.C. 418b.

- 2. Revise § 1532.908 to read as follows:

#### 1532.908 Contract clause.

(a)(i) The Contracting Officer shall insert clause 1552.232–70 in cost-reimbursable procurements.

(ii) The Contracting Officer shall insert clause 1552.232–70 Alternate 1 in fixed-rate and non-commercial time & materials (T&M) procurements.

(iii) The Contracting Officer shall insert clause 1552.232–70 Alternate 2 in all other procurements where electronic invoicing via the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) is required EXCEPT for simplified acquisitions (for instance, use Alternate 2 for contract/order types such as firm-fixed-price, commercial items, architect-engineering and construction).

(b) In addition to clause 1552.232–70, Contracting Officers must also select the appropriate Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) clause to include in the subject procurement in accordance with FAR 32.908, *as applicable*.

### PART 1552—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

- 3. The authority citations for part 1552 continue to read as follows:

**Authority:** 5 U.S.C. 301 and 41 U.S.C. 418b and 1707.

- 4. Revise § 1552.232–70, to read as follows:

#### § 1552.232–70 Additional Instructions for Submission of Electronic Invoices via the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP).

As prescribed in 1532.908, insert the following clause:

#### Additional Instructions for Submission of Electronic Invoices Via the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) (date)

(a) *Electronic invoicing and the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP)*—(1) *Definitions*. As used in this clause—

*Contract financing payment and invoice payment* are defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 32.001.

*Electronic form* means an automated system that transmits information electronically from the initiating system to all affected systems. Facsimile, email, and scanned documents are not acceptable electronic forms for submission of payment requests. However, scanned documents are acceptable when they are part of a submission of a payment request made using Invoice Processing Platform or another electronic form authorized by the Contracting Officer.

*Payment request* means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment submitted by the Contractor under this contract.

(2)(i) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this clause, the Contractor shall submit invoices using the electronic invoicing

program Invoice Processing Platform (IPP), which is a secure web-based service provided by the U.S. Treasury that more efficiently manages government invoicing.

(ii) Under this contract, the following documents are required to be submitted as an attachment to the IPP invoice: (This is a fill-in for acceptable types of required documentation, such as an SF 1034 and 1035, or an invoice/self-designed form on company letterhead that contains the required information.)

(iii) The Contractor's Government Business Point of Contact (as listed in System for Award Management (SAM)) will receive enrollment instructions via email from the IPP. The Contractor must register within 3 to 5 days of receipt of such email from IPP.

(iv) Contractor assistance with enrollment can be obtained by contacting the IPP Production Helpdesk via email at [IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov) or by telephone at (866) 973-3131.

(3) If the Contractor is unable to comply with the requirement to use IPP for submitting invoices for payment, the Contractor shall submit a waiver request in writing to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor may submit an invoice using other than IPP only when—

(i) The Contracting Officer administering the contract for payment has determined, in writing, that electronic submission would be unduly burdensome to the Contractor; and in such cases, the Contracting Officer shall modify the contract to include a copy of the Determination; or

(ii) When the Governmentwide commercial purchase card is used as the method of payment.

(4) The Contractor shall submit any non-electronic payment requests using the method or methods specified in Section G of the contract.

(5) In addition to the requirements of this clause, the Contractor shall meet the requirements of the appropriate payment clauses in this contract when submitting payment requests.

(6) Invoices submitted through IPP will be either rejected, or accepted and paid, in their entirety, and will not be paid on a partial basis.

(b) *Invoice preparation*. The Contractor shall prepare its invoice or request for contract financing payment in accordance with FAR 32.905 on the prescribed Government forms, or the Contractor may submit self-designed forms which contain the required information. Standard Form 1034, *Public Voucher for Purchases and Services other than Personal*, is prescribed for used by contractors to show the amount claimed for reimbursement. Standard Form 1035, *Public Voucher for Purchases and Services other than Personal—Continuation Sheet*, is prescribed for use to furnish the necessary supporting detail or additional information required by the Contracting Officer.

(c) *Invoice content*. (1) The Contractor shall prepare a contract level invoice or request for contract financing payment in accordance with the invoice preparation instructions. If contract work is authorized by an individual task order or delivery order (TO/DO), the invoice or request for contract financing

payment shall also include a summary of the current and cumulative amounts claimed by cost element for each TO/DO and for the contract total, as well as any supporting data for each TO/DO as identified in the instructions.

(2) The invoice or request for contract financing payment shall include current and cumulative charges by major cost element such as direct labor, overhead, travel, equipment, and other direct costs. For current costs, each major cost element shall include the appropriate supporting schedule identified in the invoice preparation instructions. Cumulative charges represent the net sum of current charges by cost element for the contract period.

(d) *Subcontractor charges.* (1) The charges for subcontracts shall be further detailed in a supporting schedule showing the major cost elements for each subcontract.

(2) On a case-by-case basis, when needed to verify the reasonableness of subcontractor costs, the Contracting Officer may require that the contractor obtain from the subcontractor cost information in the detail set forth in paragraph (c)(2) of this section. This information should be obtained through a means which maintains subcontractor confidentiality (for example, via sealed envelopes), if the subcontractor expresses Confidential Business Information (CBI) concerns.

(e) *Period of performance indication.* Invoices or requests for contract financing payment must clearly indicate the period of performance for which payment is requested. Separate invoices or requests for contract financing payment are required for charges applicable to the base contract and each option period.

(f) *Invoice submittal.* (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of the clause of this contract at FAR 52.216-7, *Allowable Cost and Payment*, invoices or requests for contract financing payment shall be submitted once per month unless there has been a demonstrated need and Contracting Officer approval for more frequent billings. When submitted on a monthly basis, the period covered by invoices or requests for contractor financing payments shall be the same as the period for monthly progress reports required under this contract.

(2) If the Contracting Officer allows submissions more frequently than monthly, one submittal each month shall have the same ending period of performance as the monthly progress report.

(3) Where cumulative amounts on the monthly progress report differ from the aggregate amounts claimed in the invoice(s) or request(s) for contract financing payments covering the same period, the contractor shall provide a reconciliation of the difference as part of the payment request.

(g) *Invoice Preparation Instructions—SF 1034.* The information which a contractor is required to submit in its Standard Form 1034 is set forth as follows:

(1) U.S. Department, Bureau, or establishment and location—Insert the names and address of the servicing finance office, unless the contract specifically provides otherwise.

(2) Date Voucher Prepared—Insert date on which the public voucher is prepared and submitted.

(3) Contract/Delivery Order Number and Date—Insert the number and date of the contract and task order or delivery order, if applicable, under which reimbursement is claimed.

(4) Requisition Number and Date—Leave blank.

(5) Voucher Number—Insert the appropriate serial number of the voucher. A separate series of consecutive numbers, beginning with Number 1, shall be used by the contractor for each new contract. For an adjustment invoice, write “[invoice number] #Adj” at the voucher number. For a final invoice, put invoice number F. For a completion invoice, put invoice number #C.

(6) Schedule Number; Paid By; Date Invoice Received—Leave blank.

(7) Discount Terms—Enter terms of discount, if applicable.

(8) Payee's Account Number—This space may be used by the contractor to record the account or job number(s) assigned to the contract or may be left blank.

(9) Payee's Name and Address—Show the name of the contractor exactly as it appears in the contract and its correct address, except when an assignment has been made by the contractor, or the right to receive payment has been restricted, as in the case of an advance account. When the right to receive payment is restricted, the type of information to be shown in this space shall be furnished by the Contracting Officer.

(10) Shipped From; To; Weight Government B/L Number—Insert for supply contracts.

(11) Date of Delivery or Service—Show the month, day and year, beginning and ending dates of incurrence of costs claimed for reimbursement. Adjustments to costs for prior periods should identify the period applicable to their incurrence, e.g., revised provisional or final indirect cost rates, award fee, etc.

(12) Articles or Services—Insert the following: “For detail, see Standard Form 1035 total amount claimed transferred from Page \_\_\_ of Standard Form 1035.” Insert “COST REIMBURSABLE—PROVISIONAL PAYMENT” or “INDEFINITE QUANTITY/INDEFINITE DELIVERY—PROVISIONAL PAYMENT” on the Interim public vouchers. Insert “COST REIMBURSABLE—COMPLETION VOUCHER” or “INDEFINITE QUANTITY/INDEFINITE DELIVERY—COMPLETION VOUCHER” on the Completion public voucher. Insert “COST REIMBURSABLE—FINAL VOUCHER” or “INDEFINITE QUANTITY/INDEFINITE DELIVERY—FINAL VOUCHER” on the final public voucher. Insert the following certification, signed by an authorized official, on the face of the Standard Form 1034:

“I certify that all payments requested are for appropriate purposes and in accordance with the agreements set forth in the contract.”

(Name of Official)

(Title)

(13) Quantity; Unit Price—Insert for supply contracts.

(14) Amount—Insert the amount claimed for the period indicated in paragraph (g)(11) of this clause.

(h) *Invoice Preparation Instructions—SF 1035.* The information which a contractor is required to submit in its Standard Form 1035 is set forth as follows:

(1) U.S. Department, Bureau, or Establishment—Insert the name and address of the servicing finance office.

(2) Voucher Number—Insert the voucher number as shown on the Standard Form 1034.

(3) Schedule Number—Leave blank.

(4) Sheet Number—Insert the sheet number if more than one sheet is used in numerical sequence. Use as many sheets as necessary to show the information required.

(5) Number and Date of Order—Insert payee's name and address as in the Standard Form 1034.

(6) Articles or Services—Insert the contract number as in the Standard Form 1034.

(7) Amount—Insert the latest estimated cost, fee (fixed, base, or award, as applicable), total contract value, and amount and type of fee payable (as applicable).

(8) A summary of claimed current and cumulative costs and fee by major cost element—Include the rate(s) at which indirect costs are claimed and indicate the base of each by identifying the line of costs to which each is applied. The rates invoiced should be as specified in the contract or by a rate agreement negotiated by EPA's Cost and Rate Negotiation Team.

(9) Fee—The fee shall be determined in accordance with instructions appearing in the contract.

*Note to paragraph (h)*—Amounts claimed on vouchers must be based on records maintained by the contractor to show by major cost element the amounts claimed for reimbursement for each applicable contract. The records must be maintained based on the contractor's fiscal year and should include reconciliations of any differences between the costs incurred and amounts claimed for reimbursement. A memorandum record reconciling the total indirect cost(s) claimed should also be maintained.

(i) *Supporting Schedules for Cost Reimbursement Contracts.* The following backup information is required as an attachment to the invoice as shown by category of cost:

(1) Direct Labor—Identify the number of hours (by contractor labor category and total) and the total loaded direct labor hours billed for the period in the invoice.

(2) Indirect Cost Rates—Identify by cost center, the indirect cost rate, the period, and the cost base to which it is applied.

(3) Subcontracts—Identify the major cost elements for each subcontract.

(4) Other Direct Costs—When the cost for an individual cost (e.g., photocopying, material and supplies, telephone usage) exceeds \$1,000 per the invoice period, provide a detailed explanation for that cost category.

(5) Contractor Acquired Equipment (if authorized by the contract)—Identify by item the quantities, unit prices, and total dollars billed.

(6) Contractor Acquired Software (if authorized by the contract)—Identify by item the quantities, unit prices, and total dollars billed.

(7) Travel—When travel costs exceed \$2,000 per invoice period, identify by trip, the number of travelers, the duration of travel, the point of origin, destination, purpose of trip, transportation by unit price, per diem rates on daily basis and total dollars billed. Detailed reporting is not required for local travel. The manner of breakdown, *e.g.*, task order/delivery order basis with/without separate program management, contract period will be specified in the contract instructions.

**Note to paragraph (i)**—Any costs requiring advance consent by the Contracting Officer will be considered improper and will be disallowed, if claimed prior to receipt of Contracting Officer consent. Include the total cost claimed for the current and cumulative-to-date periods. After the total amount claimed, provide summary dollar amounts disallowed on the contract as of the date of the invoice. Also include an explanation of the changes in cumulative costs disallowed by addressing each adjustment in terms of: Voucher number, date, dollar amount, source, and reason for the adjustment. Disallowed costs should be identified in unallowable accounts in the contractor's accounting system.

(j) *Supporting Schedules for Time and Materials Contracts.* The following backup information is required as an attachment to the invoice as shown by category of cost:

(1) Direct Labor—Identify the number of hours (by contractor labor category and total) and the total direct labor hours billed for the period of the invoice.

(2) Subcontracts—Identify the major cost elements for each subcontract.

(3) Other Direct Costs—When the cost for an individual cost (*e.g.*, photocopying, material and supplies, telephone usage) exceeds \$1,000 per the invoice period, provide a detailed explanation for that cost category.

(4) Indirect Cost Rates—Identify by cost center, the indirect cost rate, the period, and the cost base to which it is applied.

(5) Contractor Acquired Equipment—Identify by item the quantities, unit prices, and total dollars billed.

(6) Contractor Acquired Software—Identify by item the quantities, unit prices, and total dollars billed.

(7) Travel—When travel costs exceed \$2,000 per invoice period, identify by trip, the number of travelers, the duration of travel, the point of origin, destination, purpose of trip, transportation by unit price, per diem rates on daily basis and total dollars billed. Detailed reporting is not required for local travel. The manner of breakdown, *e.g.*, task order/delivery order basis with/without separate program management, contract period will be specified in the contract instructions.

**Note to paragraph (j)**—Any costs requiring advance consent by the Contracting Officer will be considered improper and will be disallowed, if claimed prior to receipt of Contracting Officer consent. Include the total

cost claimed for the current and cumulative-to-date periods. After the total amount claimed, provide summary dollar amounts disallowed on the contract as of the date of the invoice. Also include an explanation of the changes in cumulative costs disallowed by addressing each adjustment in terms of: Voucher number, date, dollar amount, source, and reason for the adjustment. Disallowed costs should be identified in unallowable accounts in the contractor's accounting system.

(k) *Adjustment vouchers.* Adjustment vouchers should be submitted if finalized indirect rates were received but the rates are not for the entire period of performance. For example, the base period of performance is for a calendar year but your indirect rates are by fiscal year. Hence, only part of the base period can be adjusted for the applicable final indirect rates. These invoices should be annotated with “adj” after the invoice number.

(l) *Final vouchers.* Final Vouchers shall be submitted if finalized rates have been received for the entire period of performance. For example, the base period of performance is for a calendar year but your indirect rates are by fiscal year. You have received finalized rates for the entire base period that encompass both fiscal years that cover the base period. In accordance with FAR 52.216–7, these invoices shall be submitted within 60 days after settlement of final indirect cost rates. They should be annotated with the word “Final” or “F” after the invoice number. Due to system limitations, the invoice number cannot be more than 11 characters to include spaces.

(m) *Completion vouchers.* In accordance with FAR 52.216–7(d)(5), a completion voucher shall be submitted within 120 days (or longer if approved in writing by the Contracting Officer) after settlement of the final annual indirect cost rates for all years of a physically complete contract. The voucher shall reflect the settled amounts and rates. It shall include settled subcontract amounts and rates. The prime contractor is responsible for settling subcontractor amounts and rates included in the completion invoice. Since EPA's invoices must be on a period of performance basis, the contractor shall have a completion invoice for each year of the period of performance. This voucher must be submitted to the Contracting Officer for review and approval before final payment can be made on the contract. The Contracting Officer may request an audit of the completion vouchers before final payment is made. In addition, once approved, the Contracting Officer will request the appropriate closeout paperwork for the contract. For contracts separately invoiced by delivery or task order, provide a schedule showing final total costs claimed by delivery or task order and in total for the contract. In addition to the completion voucher, the contractor must submit the *Contractor's Release; Assignee's Release, if applicable; the Contractor's Assignment of Refunds, Rebates, Credits and other Amounts; the Assignee's Assignment of Refunds, Rebates, Credits and other Amounts, if applicable; and the Contractor's Affidavit of Waiver of Lien*, when required by the contract.

*Alternate 1* (For use in fixed-rate and non-commercial time & materials (T&M) procurements) (*date*). If the procurement is fixed-rate or non-commercial T&M, substitute the basic (c)(2) paragraph with the following:

(c)(2) The invoice or request for contract financing payment that employs a fixed rate feature shall include current and cumulative charges by contract labor category and by other major cost elements such as travel, equipment, and other direct costs. For current costs, each cost element shall include the appropriate supporting schedules identified in the invoice preparation instructions.

*Alternate 2* (For use in all other procurements where electronic invoicing via the Invoice Processing Platform (IPP) is required EXCEPT for simplified acquisitions)(*date*). Use Alternate 2 for contract/order types such as firm-fixed-price, commercial items, architect-engineering and construction for IPP purposes.

(a) *Definitions.* As used below—

*Contract financing payment and invoice payment* are defined in Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 32.001.

*Electronic form* means an automated system that transmits information electronically from the initiating system to all affected systems. Facsimile, email, and scanned documents are not acceptable electronic forms for submission of payment requests. However, scanned documents are acceptable when they are part of a submission of a payment request made using Invoice Processing Platform or another electronic form authorized by the Contracting Officer.

*Payment request* means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment submitted by the Contractor under this contract.

(b)(1) The Contractor shall submit invoices using the electronic form invoicing program Invoice Processing Platform (IPP), which is a secure web-based service provided by the U.S. Treasury that more efficiently manages government invoicing.

(2) The Contractor's Government Business Point of Contact (as listed in System for Award Management (SAM)) will receive registration/enrollment instructions via email from the IPP. Registration is free and the Contractor must register within 3 to 5 days of receipt of such email from IPP.

(3) Contractor assistance with enrollment can be obtained by contacting the IPP Production Helpdesk via email at [IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov](mailto:IPPCustomerSupport@fiscal.treasury.gov) or by telephone at (866) 973-3131.

(c) If the Contractor is unable to comply with the requirement to use IPP for submitting invoices for payment, the Contractor shall submit a waiver request in writing to the Contracting Officer. The Contractor may submit an invoice using other than IPP only when—

(1) The Contracting Officer administering the contract for payment has determined, in writing, that electronic form submission would be unduly burdensome to the Contractor; and in such cases, the Contracting Officer shall modify the contract to include a copy of the Determination; or

(2) When the Governmentwide commercial purchase card is used as the method of payment.

(d) The Contractor shall submit any non-electronic form payment requests using the method or methods specified in the contract.

(e) Invoices submitted through IPP will be either rejected, or accepted and paid, in their entirety, and will not be paid on a partial basis.

(f) In addition to the requirements of this clause, the Contractor shall meet the requirements of the appropriate payment clauses in this contract when submitting payment requests.

(g) If there are any additional invoice instructions then please insert them below:

(End of clause)

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

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#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Threatened Species Status, Section 4(d) Rule, and Designation of Critical Habitat for Panama City Crayfish

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Proposed rule; reopening of comment period and announcement of public hearing.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), reopen the public comment period on the proposed rule to list the Panama City crayfish (*Procambarus econfinae*) as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act); propose a rule issued under section 4(d) of the Act ("4(d) rule") for the species; and propose to designate critical habitat for the Panama City crayfish under the Act. In total, approximately 7,177 acres (2,904 hectares) in Bay County, Florida, fall within the boundaries of the proposed critical habitat designation, all of which are currently occupied by the species. We also announce the availability of a draft economic analysis (DEA) for the proposed designation of critical habitat for the Panama City crayfish. We will accept comments on the proposed listing, 4(d) rule, and critical habitat designation, as well as the draft economic analysis, during the

open comment period. Finally, we announce a public informational meeting and public hearing on the proposed listing rule and this proposed rule.

#### DATES:

**Written comments:** The comment period on the proposed rule that published January 3, 2018 (83 FR 330), is reopened. We will accept comments on that proposed rule, as well as the new proposals described in this document, that are received or postmarked on or before June 14, 2021. Comments submitted electronically using the Federal eRulemaking Portal (see **ADDRESSES**, below) must be received by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date.

**Public informational meeting and public hearing:** We will hold a public informational meeting on May 4, 2021, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Central Time, followed by a public hearing from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Central Time.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the proposed rules or draft economic analysis by one of the following methods:

(1) **Electronically:** Go to the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>. In the Search box, enter Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2017-0061 for the proposed listing, or FWS-R4-ES-2020-0137 for the proposed 4(d) rule and critical habitat designation (including the associated draft economic analysis), which are the docket numbers for the rulemakings. Then, click on the Search button. On the resulting page, in the Search panel on the left side of the screen, under the Document Type heading, check the Proposed Rule box to locate the correct document. You may submit a comment by clicking on "Comment Now!"

(2) **By hard copy:** Submit by U.S. mail to: Public Comments Processing, Attn: [Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2017-0061 for the proposed listing, or FWS-R4-ES-2020-0137 for the proposed 4(d) rule and critical habitat designation (including the associated draft economic analysis)], U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS: PRB/3W, 5275 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3803.

We request that you send comments only by the methods described above. We will post all comments on <http://www.regulations.gov>. This generally means that we will post any personal information you provide us (see Information Requested, below, for more information).

**Public informational meeting and public hearing:** The public informational meeting and the public hearing will be held virtually using the

Zoom platform. See *Public Hearing*, below, for more information.

**Availability of supporting materials:** For the proposed critical habitat designation, the shapefiles from which the maps are generated are included in the administrative record and are available at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS-R4-ES-2020-0137. Any additional tools or supporting information that we may develop for the critical habitat designation may also be included in the preamble and/or at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jay Herrington, Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Ecological Services Field Office, 1601 Balboa Avenue, Panama City, FL 32405; telephone 904-731-3191; facsimile 904-731-3045. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Executive Summary

*Why we need to publish a rule.* Under section 4(d) of the Act, whenever any species is listed as a threatened species, we are required to issue any regulations deemed necessary and advisable to provide for the conservation of such species. Also, any species that is determined to be endangered or threatened under the Act requires critical habitat to be designated, to the maximum extent prudent and determinable. The Panama City crayfish is proposed as a threatened species under the Act, and this document proposes regulations we deem necessary and advisable under section 4(d) of the Act, and also proposes to designate critical habitat. Designations and revisions of critical habitat can only be completed by issuing a rule. In light of the time that has passed since the publication of the proposed listing rule and the receipt of new scientific information, we are also reopening the comment period for the proposed listing rule.

*What this document does.* We are concurrently reopening the comment period for the proposed listing rule, proposing a 4(d) rule, and proposing to designate critical habitat for the Panama City crayfish. A draft economic analysis on impacts expected from the critical habitat proposal is also available.

*The basis for our action.* Under the Act, we may determine that a species is an endangered or threatened species because of any of five factors: (A) The present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its