

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2996g(e).

■ 2. Revise appendix A to part 1611 to read as follows:

**Appendix A to Part 1611—Income  
Level for Individuals Eligible for  
Assistance**

**LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION 2024 INCOME GUIDELINES \***

Size of household	48 Contiguous states and the District of Columbia	Alaska	Hawaii
1 .....	\$18,825	\$23,513	\$21,638
2 .....	20,550	31,925	29,375
3 .....	32,275	40,338	37,113
4 .....	39,000	48,750	44,850
5 .....	45,725	57,163	52,588
6 .....	52,450	65,575	60,325
7 .....	59,175	73,988	68,063
8 .....	65,900	82,400	75,800
For each additional member of the household in excess of 8, add: .....	6,725	8,413	7,738

\* The figures in this table represent 125% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines by household size as determined by HHS.

**REFERENCE CHART—200% OF FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES \***

Size of household	48 Contiguous states and the District of Columbia	Alaska	Hawaii
1 .....	\$30,120	\$37,620	\$ 34,620
2 .....	40,880	51,080	47,000
3 .....	51,640	64,540	59,380
4 .....	62,400	78,000	71,760
5 .....	73,160	91,460	84,140
6 .....	83,920	104,920	96,520
7 .....	94,680	118,380	108,900
8 .....	105,440	131,840	121,280
For each additional member of the household in excess of 8, add: .....	10,760	13,460	12,380

\* The figures in this table represent 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines by household size as determined by HHS.

(Authority: 42 U.S.C. 2996g(e).)

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**NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND  
SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

**48 CFR Parts 1831 and 1852**

[Notice: 23-099]

**RIN 2700-AE72**

**NASA Federal Acquisition Regulation  
Supplement (NFS): Removal of Total  
Compensation Plan Language (NFS  
Case 2023-N002)**

**AGENCY:** National Aeronautics and  
Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** NASA is finalizing  
amendments to the NASA Federal  
Acquisition Regulation Supplement  
(NFS) as well as corresponding sections

of the CFR to a solicitation provision  
and clause.

**DATES:** Effective February 23, 2024.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Background**

NASA proposed a rule in the **Federal  
Register** at 88 FR 67720 on October 2,  
2023, to amend the NFS by removing  
NFS 1831.205-671, Solicitation  
provision, and NFS 1852.231-71,  
Determination of Compensation  
Reasonableness, from the NFS. NASA  
has determined these provisions are  
unnecessary as they exceed the scope  
requirements adequately covered in  
Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR)  
provision 52.222-46, Evaluation of  
Compensation for Professional  
Employees (48 CFR 52.222-46).

Currently, NFS requires an evaluation  
for all labor categories and periodic  
review of total compensation plans after  
contract award for cost reimbursement

contracts (at least every 3 years) to  
evaluate the reasonableness of  
compensation for all proposed labor  
categories in service contracts.

NASA has made a determination to  
rely on FAR provision 52.222-46,  
agencywide templates, and instructions,  
to ensure consistency in the data  
provided to NASA and subsequent  
evaluations to ensure NASA continues  
to pay fair and reasonable wages.

**II. Discussion**

As no public comments were  
submitted on the proposed rule, NASA  
is finalizing this rule with no changes.

**III. Executive Orders 12866 and 13563**

Executive Orders (E.O.s) 12866 and  
13563 direct agencies to assess all costs  
and benefits of available regulatory  
alternatives and, if regulation is  
necessary, to select regulatory  
approaches that maximize net benefits  
(including potential economic,  
environmental, public health and safety  
effects, distributive impacts, and  
equity). E.O. 13563 emphasizes the  
importance of quantifying both costs  
and benefits, of reducing costs, of

harmonizing rules, and of promoting flexibility. This is not a significant regulatory action and, therefore, was not subject to review by OMB under E.O. 12866, Regulatory Planning and Review. This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804.

#### IV. Regulatory Flexibility Act

NASA does not expect this rule to have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities within the meaning of the Regulatory Flexibility Act, 5 U.S.C. 601, *et seq.*, because the rule is removing the NFS unique requirements for submission of total compensation plan. Therefore, an Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis was not performed.

#### V. Paperwork Reduction Act

The Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35) does apply. With the publication of this final rule, an existing information collection currently approved under Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number 2700-0077, *Contractor and Subcontractor Compensation Plans*, is no longer needed. Once the final rule is effective, NASA will discontinue this collection and rely on OMB control number 9000-0066, *Certain Federal Acquisition Regulation Part 22 Labor Requirements—FAR Sections Affected: 52.222-2, 52.222-6, 52.222-11, 52.222-18, 52.222-33, 52.222-34, 52.222-46, and SF 1413 and 1444*.

#### List of Subjects

##### 48 CFR Part 1831

Accounting, Government procurement.

##### 48 CFR Part 1852

Accounting, Government procurement, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

Erica Jones,

NASA FAR Supplement Manager.

For the reasons stated in the preamble, NASA amends 48 CFR parts 1831 and 1852 as follows:

#### PART 1831—CONTRACT COST PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1831 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 51 U.S.C. 20113(a) and 48 CFR chapter 1.

##### 1831.205-671 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 2. Remove and reserve section 1831.205-671.

#### PART 1852—SOLICITATION PROCEDURES AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

■ 3. The authority citation for part 1852 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 51 U.S.C. 20113(a) and 48 CFR chapter 1.

##### 1852.231-71 [Removed and Reserved]

■ 4. Remove and reserve section 1852.231-71.

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#### SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

##### 49 CFR Parts 1011, 1104, 1115, and 1146

[Docket No. EP 762]

#### Revisions to Regulations for Expedited Relief for Service Emergencies

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) adopts a final rule amending its emergency service regulations.

**DATES:** The rule is effective February 23, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathon Binet at (202) 245-0368. If you require an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call (202) 245-0245.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to its broad statutory mandate, the Surface Transportation Board closely monitors the rail industry's service performance. *See* 49 U.S.C. 1321, 11145; *see also* 49 U.S.C. 10101, 11323, 10907. Over the last decade, railroad service challenges impacting a wide range of geographic regions and commodities have occurred with some frequency. *See, e.g., U.S. Rail Serv. Issues—Performance Data Reporting*, EP 724 (Sub-No. 4) (STB served Dec. 30, 2014); *STB Letter to CSX Transp., Inc. Requesting Serv. Reporting* (July 27, 2017); *Chairman Oberman Letter to Norfolk S. Regarding Serv. Issues* (Nov. 23, 2021); <sup>1</sup> *Urgent Issues in Freight Rail Serv.*, EP 770 (STB served Apr. 7, 2022); *Oversight Hearing Pertaining to Union Pac. R.R.'s Embargoes*, EP 772 (STB served Nov. 22, 2022).

In response to service challenges in recent years, the Board has held a series of public hearings to permit interested

persons to report on specific service problems, to hear from rail industry executives on plans to address rail service problems generally, and to explore additional options to improve service. At one such hearing in October 2017, several shippers observed that the Board's regulations at 49 CFR part 1146, which implement 49 U.S.C. 11123 and govern expedited relief for service emergencies, are rarely invoked, even in times of serious rail service challenges. *See Pub. Listening Session Regarding CSX Transp., Inc.'s Rail Serv. Issues*, EP 742, Hr'g Tr. 89:13-22; 90:1; 150:3-14; 196:11-22; 197:1-16; 199:1-9 (Oct. 17, 2017).

Based on these concerns, and to better understand the reasons for the lack of use of the Board's directed service regulations, the Board announced on March 15, 2018, that Board staff would hold informal meetings with interested persons to discuss and gather feedback on the adequacy of the Board's current regulations regarding emergency service and service inadequacies, and whether and how the current regulations should be modified to offer a more meaningful path to relief. *See Press Release, STB, Board to Hold Informal Meetings on Directed Serv. Regs.* Beginning in Apr. (Mar. 15, 2018), [www.stb.gov/news-communications/latest-news/archived-press-releases/](http://www.stb.gov/news-communications/latest-news/archived-press-releases/).<sup>2</sup> As a result, in the second quarter of 2018 Board staff met with representatives of a variety of entities representing carrier and shipper interests. A recurring concern expressed by shipper interests was the amount of time required under the existing procedures to obtain relief for service failures and the difficulty of satisfying certain informational burdens. Although carrier interests acknowledged that very few emergency service petitions had been filed in recent years, they nevertheless generally asserted that the existing procedures were sufficient, and noted that the Board's Rail Customer and Public Assistance program (RCPA) had been helpful in resolving acute service issues informally.

By decision served April 7, 2022, the Board announced that it would hold a hearing on April 26 and 27, 2022, on rail service problems impacting the network and the recovery efforts involving several Class I carriers.<sup>3</sup> As

<sup>2</sup> While these meetings also included discussion of 49 CFR part 1147 (Temporary Relief Under 49 U.S.C. 10705 and 11102 for Service Inadequacies), this proceeding concerns only 49 CFR part 1146 (Expedited Relief for Service Emergencies) pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 11123.

<sup>3</sup> Press Release, STB, STB Issues Hearing Notice for Urgent Issues in Freight Rail Serv. (Apr. 7, 2022), [www.stb.gov/news-communications/latest-news/pr-22-21/](http://www.stb.gov/news-communications/latest-news/pr-22-21/).

<sup>1</sup> Letters available at [www.stb.gov](http://www.stb.gov) (open tab "News & Communications" and select "Non-Docketed Public Correspondence").