

APPENDIX E

A Quick Guide to the FAR and DFARS

THE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (FAR)

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) is the bible of U.S. federal government contracting. It is published in two volumes with additional agency supplements. Anyone involved in the U.S. federal procurement process should have a copy of the FAR.

The Federal Acquisition Regulations System consists of the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), which is the primary document, and agency acquisition regulations that implement or supplement the FAR. The FAR is prepared, issued, and maintained, and the FAR system is prescribed jointly by the Secretary of Defense, the Administrator of General Services, and the Administrator, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, under their respective statutory authorities.

The FAR is published in (1) the daily issue of the Federal Register, (2) cumulated form in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and (3) a separate loose-leaf edition. The FAR is issued as Chapter 1 of Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR). Subsequent chapters are reserved for agency acquisition regulations that implement or supplement the FAR.

The FAR is divided into 53 parts. We have quoted the "scope" of each of the most important parts for Canadian construction firms below.