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(n) *Liquid helium dewar (dewar)* means a portable or skid-mounted, vacuum-jacketed container suitable for shipping less than 1,000 U.S. gallons of liquid helium.

(o) *Schedule of Prices and Charges (Schedule)* means a listing of prices and charges for products and services provided under contract pursuant to this part.

(p) *Federal Agency* is any department, independent establishment, commission, administration, foundation, authority, board, or bureau of the U.S. Government, or any corporation owned, controlled, or in which the U.S. Government has a proprietary interest, as these terms are defined in 5 U.S.C. 101-05; 5 U.S.C. 551(1); 5 U.S.C. 552(e); or in 18 U.S.C. 6, but does not include Federal agency contractors.

(q) *Contracting officer* is the person executing a contract on behalf of the Government, and includes any duly appointed successor.

§ 601.3 Contract application forms and procedures.

(a) Any prospective helium purchaser may make application to the Bureau to become a purchaser of helium, and, if desired, rent containers from the bureau and, upon meeting the requirements of this part and upon execution of a purchase (and container rental) contract with the Bureau, may purchase helium (and rent containers) from the Bureau. To be eligible, a prospective purchaser must: demonstrate adequate financial resources to pay for helium and helium-related services in advance, hold a certificate of competency and/or a determination of eligibility from the Small Business Administration if the prospective purchaser is a small business concern and is determined to be nonresponsible and/or ineligible by the contracting officer, and be otherwise qualified and eligible to enter into a Bureau contract under applicable laws and regulations.

(b) The information collection requirement contained in this paragraph has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under 44 U.S.C. 3507 and assigned clearance number 1032-0111. The information is being collected to identify firms desiring to enter into a contract. This infor-

mation will be used to complete contract documents and establish cash advance required. The obligation to respond is required to obtain a benefit.

(c) The contract shall include, among other things, duties and responsibilities of the parties, definitions, term, minimum contract volume, and other conditions, such as advance payments, deposits, surety bonds, repurchase rights of the Government, liabilities, reservations with respect to sales and deliveries, power of inspection, notification to repurchasers, violations and penalties, cancellation and assignment of contract, termination, general provisions, and standard provisions.

(d) Application forms are available upon written request from Division of Helium Operations, 1100 S. Fillmore St., Amarillo, Texas 79101. Applicable contract form(s) and Schedule will be included for examination by the prospective purchaser.

(e) Upon approval by the Contracting Officer of the returned application, the contract will become effective when executed by both parties.

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§ 601.5 Schedule of prices and charges.

(a) The Schedule of Prices and Charges (Schedule) is published by the Bureau of Mines, Division of Helium Operations, and is periodically updated. The Schedule is available upon request from the Division of Helium Operations, 1100 S. Fillmore St., Amarillo, Texas 79101, telephone 806-376-2638 or FTS 735-1638. The Schedule shows prices and charges for helium, ordinary related services, use or rental of Bureau-owned helium containers or equipment, cash advance, and deposit required, and bonds and/or insurance to guarantee return of containers.

(b) Terms and conditions under which products and services can be acquired under contract pursuant to this part are shown in appendix 1 to the Schedule. The terms and conditions are reviewed at least annually, and are revised as required.

(c) Revisions to the Schedule are determined at least annually by the Division of Helium Operations in accordance with Office of Management and