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bidder's status within its terms. A definition for use in invitations for bids on Army timber is provided in the "Certificate as to Small Business Status" (Figure 11-20 in ER 405-1-12).

(b) *Self-Certification.* 13 CFR 121.3-9(c) provides:

In the absence of a written protest or other information which would cause him to question the veracity of the self-certification, the contracting officer shall accept the self-certification at face value for the particular sale involved.

(c) *Definition for Set-Asides.* The definition of small business provided in Figure 11-20 in ER 405-1-12 omits portions of the definition prescribed by SBA regulations which are not presently applicable to sales of Army timber. The omitted portions relate to sales of timber reserved for or involving preferential treatment of small business § 644.512. These portions of the definition are subject to frequent revision by SBA.

§ 644.510 Information for SBA on timber sales.

Representatives of SBA will visit District offices from time to time for purposes of coordination and assistance; to furnish names and information on prospective bidders from the SBA facilities list; and to obtain information on programmed sales of Army timber. In addition to the information which may be furnished during the course of these visits, the following items of information will be furnished to appropriate SBA field offices on each sale of timber products with an estimated value of \$2,000 or more:

(a) Advice on proposed or prospective timber sales of Army timber.

(b) Copies of invitation for bids.

(c) Name of successful bidder, his status as a small business, the bid price, and an estimate of the amount of timber sold.

§ 644.511 Certificate of competency by SBA.

Section 8(b)(7) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 637(b)(7)) authorizes the SBA to certify the competency of a small business concern as to capacity and credit. In any case where timber is being sold on a credit basis, if the bid is being questioned solely on the finan-

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cial ability of the bidder and the bidder is a small business concern, the DE will notify the appropriate SBA field office immediately and follow the other procedures provided by Section III of the DOD-SBA Agreement. A certificate of competency issued by SBA will be honored in such cases.

§ 644.512 DA-SBA joint set-aside determination.

Section 15 of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 644), provides that where certain joint determinations are made by the SBA and a disposal agency, the award of a contract for the sale of Government property shall be made to a small business concern. Section IV, Joint Set-Aside Determination of the DOD-SBA Agreement implements Section 15 of the Small Business Act. It is not anticipated that SBA will recommend that Army timber be reserved or set aside for sale to small business concerns on an exclusive or preferential basis. In the event recommendations on set asides of Army timber are received from SBA field offices, the SBA recommendations will be forwarded promptly to HQDA (DAEN-REM) WASH DC 20314 with DE comments and recommendation.

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CLEARANCE OF EXPLOSIVE HAZARDS AND OTHER CONTAMINATION FROM PROPOSED EXCESS LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS

§ 644.516 Clearance of Air Force lands.

The Chief of Engineers has no responsibility for inspecting or clearing excess Air Force land of explosives or chemical/biological contaminants. When a target or bombing range, or other land under the control of the Department of the Air Force, which might be contaminated with explosives or other harmful or dangerous substances, becomes excess to Defense requirements, the appropriate DE will obtain a certificate as to the extent of contamination and clearance thereof from the Commander, Air Force Logistics Command (AFLC), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio 45433. The Corps of Engineers will continue to be the agency with which the disposal