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regulation was put on hold pending the DoD 5000-series rewrite.)

The draft AR is now posted to the Army Knowledge Online (AKO) Web site for review. An automated Data Comment Tracking Database has been developed for submitting comments. Initially, all comments will be submitted using the Data Comment Tracking system. Observations or comments that will improve the regulation are welcome (please be specific); however, be advised that the majority of new information in AR 70-1 is supported by approved policy statements. The OASA(ALT) does not anticipate many changes.

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DRAFT ARMY GUIDEBOOK ON CONTRACTORS ACCOMPANYING THE FORCE IS AVAILABLE

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A draft *Contractors Accompanying the Force Guidebook* (also sometimes called *Contractors on the Battlefield*) is now available at http://dasapp.saalt.army.mil/Ind_base_policy/SAALPP_index.htm. Its purpose is to facilitate getting consistent contractor deployment information into Army contracts. It consolidates information and answers to common questions from many sources, including "draft" regulations

and message traffic. It also provides resources and "template" scope of work language that could be used or tailored in your contracts. We also continue to work on both an Army and DoD contract clause. The Army clause should be published as an interim rule in the *Federal Register* by the end of August 2003. An article on this subject is also scheduled for publication in an upcoming issue of *Army AL&T* magazine.

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PURCHASE OF ITEMS TYPICALLY RESERVED FOR FEDERAL PRISON INDUSTRIES

The Office of the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP), has published guidance highlighting those Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) changes that allow increased competition and provide additional small business opportunities when purchasing items typically reserved for Federal Prison Industries, Inc. Provide any comments to the current DFARS clarifications by accessing the DPAP Web Site at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/policy/dfarspubliccomments.htm>. Refer questions to either Susan Schneider at susan.schneider@osd.mil or Philip Degen at philip.degen@osd.mil.

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS & SYMPOSIA

INTERSERVICE/INDUSTRY TRAINING, SIMULATION & EDUCATION CONFERENCE (I/ITSEC 2003)

The Interservice/Industry Training, Simulation & Education Conference (I/ITSEC 2003) will be held Dec. 1-4, 2003, in Orlando, Fla. Don't miss this 25-year anniversary event, which represents the premier annual conference for the simulation, training, and education communities of industry, government, and education. The I/ITSEC promotes cooperation among the armed services, industry, academia, and various government agencies in pursuit of improved training and education programs, identification of common issues, and development

of multi-Service programs. I/ITSEC also promotes the use of technology that will enable the services to better and more efficiently train soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines to enhance their readiness to go in harm's way. This year's conference theme will be *25 Years: Enhancing Warfighter Performance Through Advanced Learning Technology*.

To learn more about the conference or register, visit the conference Web site at <http://register.ndia.org/interview/register.ndia?#December2003>.