

**FAC 2001-21, FAR Case 2003-023, Purchases from Federal  
Prison Industries—Requirement for Market Research**

The Civilian Agency Acquisition Council and the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council (Councils) have agreed on an interim rule amending the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) to implement Section 637 of Division F of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2004. Section 637 provides that no fiscal year 2004 funds shall be expended for purchase of a product or service offered by Federal Prison Industries, Inc., unless the agency making the purchase determines that the offered product or service provides the best value to the buying agency.