

**In the United States Court of Federal Claims**

No. 13-426 C  
(Filed January 2, 2014)

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GROOMS & COMPANY \*  
CONSTRUCTION, INC., \*

*Plaintiff,* \*

v. \*

THE UNITED STATES, \*

*Defendant.* \*

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**PRELIMINARY SCHEDULING ORDER**

On December 16, 2013, the parties, pursuant to Appendix A, ¶ 4 of the Rules of the United States Court of Federal Claims (RCFC) filed their joint preliminary status report (JPSR). Therein, the parties reported to the court that they anticipate that this case will go forward to litigation with the issues of liability and damages being determined in one proceeding. In that regard, counsel request that the parties be permitted to engage in discovery. The government anticipates filing a motion pursuant to RCFC 56 subsequent to discovery.

Accordingly, upon an examination of the pleadings and the JPSR, pursuant to RCFC 16(b), it is **ORDERED** that the following preliminary schedule is established:

(1) **Initial Disclosures**, pursuant to RCFC 26(a), shall be exchanged between the parties on or before **January 30, 2014**; Furthermore,

(a) For the damages disclosure required by RCFC 26(a)(1)(A)(iii) and, subsequently, exhibits proposed in accordance with Appendix A, Part. VI, ¶ 13(a), any and all items and figures from books of account or other records, which are to be introduced into evidence in this matter, and any

calculations or estimates derived therefrom, shall be set forth on separate schedules or summaries and so provided and disclosed to opposing counsel during the discovery period;

(b) Any schedule or summary provided pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) of this order shall be accompanied by a statement describing the source(s) for the items or figures listed (ledgers, journals, payrolls, invoices, checks, time cards, etc.), the location(s) of the source(s), the time, during the discovery period, when the source(s) may be examined or audited by the opposing party, the name and address of the person(s) who prepared each schedule or summary and who shall be made available to the opposing party during an examination or audit of the source material to provide information and explanations required for verification of the listed items or figures;

(c) Upon receipt of a schedule or summary pursuant to paragraph (1)(a) of this order, receiving counsel shall provide for an examination or audit of the source material by a person(s) qualified to present testimony and thereafter provide opposing counsel with a statement during the discovery period, admitting or denying the accuracy or admissibility of each schedule or summary (or portion thereof) submitted by opposing counsel, which statement shall address each item and figure submitted and reflect and set forth the results of the examination or audit of the source material from which the submissions were derived and shall set forth the reason(s) for any denial of accuracy as to specific items or figures, citing generally accepted accounting principles or regulations where applicable, and the reason(s) for any denial of admissibility as to specific items or figures, keyed to the applicable Federal Rule(s) of Evidence;

(d) Proposed trial exhibits exchanged pursuant to Appendix A, ¶ 13(a) shall include schedules setting forth *all* items and figures from books of account or other records, and calculations and estimates derived therefrom, which a party intends to introduce into evidence with appropriate identification of those specific scheduled items, figures, calculations and estimates thereon which, on the basis of pretrial examinations or audit and exchanges are contested as to accuracy or admissibility, so that evidentiary proceedings as to items and figures shall thereafter be limited to those identified as contested;

(2) All **fact discovery**, including production of documents, depositions, interrogatories and requests for admission, shall be **COMPLETED** no

later than **October 28, 2014**;

(3) The parties shall comply with all requirements of RCFC 26(a)(2) with respect to disclosure of expert testimony within the stated discovery deadline unless the parties request additional time for expert discovery and/or disclosure;

(4) On or before **December 16, 2014**, plaintiff shall designate expert(s) witnesses and serve report(s) on defendant;

(5) Defendant shall designate expert(s) witnesses and serve reports and response on plaintiff, on or before **February 17, 2015**;

(6) Plaintiff shall serve response report(s) to defendant on or before **April 16, 2015**;

(5) Defendant shall serve reply report(s) to plaintiff on or before **May 19, 2015**;

(6) Experts shall be available for deposition: May 25, 2016 - June 25, 2015;

(7) On **July 16, 2015**, or two weeks after completion of discovery, whichever occurs earlier, counsel are directed to **FILE a Joint Status Report**. The status report shall state whether settlement is a feasible option in this case or whether the parties intend to file dispositive motions. If dispositive motions are to be filed, the status report shall set forth a proposed schedule in that regard. If neither settlement nor dispositive motions are viable, the parties shall set forth a proposed schedule for the exchanges required by Appendix A, ¶ 13 and the filings required by ¶¶ 14 through 17.

/s/Lynn J. Bush  
LYNN J. BUSH  
Senior Judge