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Should this proposed rule become effective, we recommend that a dollar and/or FTE threshold be included below which such recompetition need not be performed. This would eliminate the need for recompetition in situations where the cost of conducting the recompetition is as much or more than the value of the ISSA.

Should you wish to discuss our comments, please contact Mr. Timothy Hagan, Director, Division of Contracts and Property Management, Office of Administration, on 301-415-7305 or by e-mail to TFH@nrc.gov.

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