

Subpart 250.2—Delegation of and Limitations on Exercise of Authority

250.201 Delegation of authority.

(b) Authority under FAR subpart 50.4 to approve actions obligating \$50,000 or less may not be delegated below the level of the head of the contracting activity.

(d) In accordance with the acquisition authority of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics (USD (AT&L))) under 10 U.S.C. 133, in addition to the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the military departments, the USD (AT&L) may exercise authority to indemnify against unusually hazardous or nuclear risks.

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250.201–70 Delegations.

(a) *Military Departments.* The Departments of the Army, Navy and Air Force will specify delegations and levels of authority for actions under the Act and the Executive Order in departmental supplements.

(b) *Defense Agencies.* Subject to the restrictions on delegations of authority in 250.201(b) and FAR 50.201, the directors of the defense agencies may exercise and redelegate the authority contained in the Act and the Executive Order. The agency supplements shall specify the delegations and levels of authority.

(1) Requests to obligate the Government in excess of \$50,000 must be submitted to the USD (AT&L) for approval.

(2) Requests for indemnification against unusually hazardous or nuclear risks must be submitted to the USD(AT&L) for approval before using the indemnification clause at FAR 52.250–1, Indemnification Under Public Law 85–804.

(c) *Approvals.* The Secretary of the military department or the agency director must approve any delegations in writing.

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250.202 Contract adjustment boards.

The Departments of the Army, Navy, and Air Force each have a contract adjustment board. The board consists of a Chair and not less than two nor more than six other members, one of whom may be designated the Vice-Chair. A majority constitutes a quorum for any purpose and the concurring vote of a majority of the total board membership constitutes an action of the board. Alternates may be appointed to act in the absence of any member.

Subpart 250.3—Contract Adjustments

250.303 Contractor requests.

Requests should be filed with the procuring contracting officer (PCO). If a request is filed with an administrative contracting officer (ACO), the ACO shall promptly forward it to the PCO for appropriate action. If filing with the PCO is impracticable, requests may be filed with the following addresses for forwarding to the cognizant PCO:

(1) Office of the Secretary of Defense—Washington Headquarters Service, Attn: RE&F-AM.

(2) Army—Forward to the head of the contracting activity listed in Part 202 that appears to be the cognizant office for the contract or commitment involved.

(3) Navy—Assistant Secretary of the Navy (RD&A), Attn: Deputy for Acquisition and Business Management.

(4) Air Force—Deputy Assistant Secretary (Contracting), Attn: SAF/AQCX.

(5) Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency—Director, CMO.

(6) Defense Information Systems Agency—Attn: Code PA.

(7) Defense Intelligence Agency—Assistant Deputy Director for Procurement, Attn: RSQ.

(8) Defense Logistics Agency—The Commander of the Defense Supply Center involved.

(9) National Imagery and Mapping Agency—Director, NIMA, Attn: AQ.

(10) Defense Threat Reduction Agency—Director, DTRA, Attn: AM.

(11) National Security Agency—Director, NSA.

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(12) Ballistic Missile Defense Organization—Director, BMDO.

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250.305 Processing cases.

250.305-70 Record of request.

At the time the request is filed, the activity will prepare the record described at 250.105(1)(i) and forward it to the appropriate official within 30 days after the close of the month in which the record is prepared.

250.305-71 Processing cases to contract adjustment boards.

(a) The officer or official responsible for the case shall forward to the contract adjustment board, through departmental channels, two copies of the following:

- (1) A letter stating—
 - (i) The nature of the case;
 - (ii) The basis for the board's authority to act;
 - (iii) The findings of fact essential to the case (see FAR 50.304). Arrange the findings chronologically with cross references to supporting enclosures;
 - (iv) The conclusions drawn;
 - (v) The recommended disposition; and
 - (vi) If contractual action is recommended, a statement by the signer that the action will facilitate the national defense.

- (2) The contractor's request
- (3) All evidentiary materials
- (4) All endorsements, reports and comments of cognizant Government officials

(b) A letter to the Board recommending an amendment without consideration where essentiality is a factor (see FAR 50.302-1(a)) should also provide—

- (1) The information required by FAR 50.304 (a) and (b), and
- (2) Findings as to—
 - (i) The contractor's performance record, including the quality of product, rate of production, and promptness of deliveries;
 - (ii) The importance to the Government, particularly to the active duty military, of the performance of the

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contract and the importance of the contractor to the national defense;

(iii) The forecast of future contracts with the contractor; and

(iv) Other available sources of supply for the supplies or services covered by the contract, and the time and cost of having contract performance completed by such other sources.

250.305-72 Processing by the board.

Contract adjustment boards will render decisions as expeditiously as practicable. The Chair shall sign a memorandum of decision disposing of the case. The decision shall be dated and shall contain the information required by FAR 50.306. The memorandum of decision shall not contain any information classified "Confidential" or higher. The board's decision will be sent to the appropriate official for implementation.

250.306 Disposition.

250.306-70 Record of disposition.

(a) When the request for relief is denied or approved below the Secretarial level, submit the following documents to the appropriate office within 30 days after the close of the month in which the decision is executed:

- (1) Two copies of the memorandum of decision;
- (2) Except for the Army, one copy of the contractual document implementing any decision approving contractual action; and
- (3) One copy of a final record, as described at 250.105.

(b) When a contract adjustment board decision is implemented, the activity which forwarded the case to the board shall prepare and submit to the board the documents identified in paragraphs (a) (2) and (3) of this subsection.

Subpart 250.4—Residual Powers

250.403 Special procedures for unusually hazardous or nuclear risks.

250.403-70 Indemnification under contracts involving both research and development and other work.

When indemnification is to be provided on contracts requiring both research and development work and