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401.603 Selection, appointment, and termination of appointment.

401.603-1 General.

An HCA may delegate contracting authority to the extent authorized by the SPE in a general delegation of acquisition authority, by appointing qualified individuals as contracting officers, in accordance with the USDA Contracting Officer Warrant System, Departmental Regulation 5001-1.

PART 402—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

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402.000 Scope of part.

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402.101 Definitions.

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402.000 Scope of part.

As used throughout this chapter, the following words and terms are used as defined in this subpart unless the context in which they are used clearly requires a different meaning, or a different definition is prescribed for a particular part or portion of a part.

Subpart 402.1—Definitions

402.101 Definitions.

Acquisition official means an individual who has been delegated authority to manage or to exercise acquisition functions and responsibilities.

Agency head or *Head of the Agency* means the Secretary of Agriculture, Deputy Secretary, or the Assistant Secretary for Administration.

Head of the contracting activity (HCA) means the official who has overall responsibility for managing the contracting activity (*i.e.*, Chief, Forest Service; Administrator, Agricultural Research Service; etc.), or the individual designated by such an official to carry out the functions of the HCA.

Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) means the agency official appointed as such by the head of the agency pursuant to Executive Order 12931. The Di-

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rector, Office of Procurement and Property Management, has been designated as the USDA SPE.

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