

### **3.10.4-13 Higher-Level Contract Quality Requirement (April 2004)**

(a) The Contractor shall comply with the standard titled \_\_\_\_\_ [Contracting Officer insert the title and number of the standard], which is hereby incorporated into this contract.

(b) The Contractor shall establish and maintain a Quality System in accordance with the above referenced standard(s) and the contractor's Quality System Plan (QSP). This QSP is hereby incorporated into this contract when approved by the Contracting Officer. If the QSP is submitted as part of a response to a RFI/RFP submission and approved before award, then the QSP is hereby incorporated into this contract at time of award. The QSP shall describe the Contractor's provisions for quality assurance, inspection and test of all supplies to be provided under this contract, in accordance with the terms of this contract, including but not limited to the contract specifications and the above referenced standard. (Note; Formal third-party ISO9000 registration is not required. Formal third-party ISO9000 registration does not relieve the contractor from the requirements of submitting a QSP.)

(c) In the event of conflict between the Quality System Plan (QSP) and the above referenced standard(s), the applicable standards shall control.

(d) Calibration systems and measuring and test equipment shall be controlled in accordance with a nationally recognized standard, such as: ISO 10012 or ANSI/NCSL Z250-1.

(e) Government Furnished Property shall be controlled to assure acceptability upon receipt, preclude degradation, damage or misuse during storage, use or test, and assure proper final disposition in accordance with the contract.

(f) Site installation activities, maintenance, and support services shall be controlled in accordance with contract requirements.

(End of clause)

#### **PRESCRIPTION**

May be used in RFIs/RFPs and contracts when the inclusion of a higher-level contract quality requirement is appropriate. The clause may be modified to suit unique circumstances. The specific standard(s) to be used should be coordinated with the Quality Assurance Division (ASU-200). The Contracting Officer should insert appropriate information in the clause.