

**SUBPART 204.71—UNIFORM CONTRACT LINE ITEM NUMBERING  
SYSTEM**

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**204.7100 Scope.**

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures for assigning contract line item numbers.

**204.7101 Definitions.**

“Accounting classification reference number (ACRN)” means any combination of a two position alpha/numeric code used as a method of relating the accounting classification citation to detailed line item information contained in the schedule.

“Attachment” means any documentation, appended to a contract or incorporated by reference, which does not establish a requirement for deliverables.

“Definitized item,” as used in this subpart, means an item for which a firm price has been established in the basic contract or by modification.

“Exhibit” means a document, referred to in a contract, which is attached and establishes requirements for deliverables. The term shall not be used to refer to any other kind of attachment to a contract. The DD Form 1423, Contract Data Requirements List, is always an exhibit, rather than an attachment.

“Nonseverable deliverable,” as used in this subpart, means a deliverable item that is a single end product or undertaking, entire in nature, that cannot be feasibly subdivided into discrete elements or phases without losing its identity.

“Undefinitized item,” as used in this subpart, means an item for which a price has not been established in the basic contract or by modification.

**204.7102 Policy.**

- (a) The numbering procedures of this subpart shall apply to all—
- (1) Solicitations;
  - (2) Solicitation line and subline item numbers, if practicable;
  - (3) Contracts as defined in FAR Subpart 2.1;
  - (4) Contract line and subline item numbers;
  - (5) Exhibits;
  - (6) Exhibit line and subline items; and
  - (7) Any other document expected to become part of the contract.

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(b) The numbering procedures are mandatory for all contracts where separate contract line item numbers are assigned, unless—

(1) There are no postaward contract administration functions that the contracting officer will assign to an office listed in the Federal Directory of Contract Administration Services Components;

(2) The contract is an indefinite delivery type for petroleum products against which posts, camps, and stations issue delivery orders for products to be consumed by them; or

(3) The contract is a communications service authorization issued by the Defense Information Systems Agency's Defense Information Technology Contracting Organization.

#### **204.7103 Contract line items.**

##### **204.7103-1 Criteria for establishing.**

Contracts shall identify the items or services to be acquired as separate contract line items unless it is not feasible to do so.

(a) Contract line items shall have all four of the following characteristics; however, there are exceptions within the characteristics, which may make establishing a separate contract line item appropriate even though one of the characteristics appears to be missing—

(1) *Single unit price.* The item shall have a single unit price or a single total price, except—

(i) If the item is not separately priced (NSP) but the price is included in the unit price of another contract line item, enter NSP instead of the unit price;

(ii) When there are associated subline items, established for other than informational reasons, and those subline items are priced in accordance with 204.7104;

(iii) When the items or services are being acquired on a cost-reimbursement contract;

(iv) When the contract is for maintenance and repair services (e.g., a labor hour contract) and firm prices have been established for elements of the total price of an item but the actual number and quantity of the elements are not known until performance. The contracting officer may structure these contracts to reflect a firm or estimated total amount for each line item;

(v) When the contract line item is established to refer to an exhibit or an attachment (if management needs dictate that a unit price be entered, the price shall be set forth in the item description block and enclosed in parentheses); or

(vi) When the contract is an indefinite delivery type contract and provides that the price of an item shall be determined at the time a delivery order is placed and the price is influenced by such factors as the quantity ordered (e.g., 10-99 @ \$1.00,

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100-249 @ \$.98, 250+ @ \$.95), the destination, the FOB point, or the type of packaging required.

(2) *Separately identifiable.* A contract line item must be identified separately from any other items or services on the contract.

(i) Supplies are separately identifiable if they have no more than one—

(A) National stock number (NSN);

(B) Item description; or

(C) Manufacturer's part number.

(ii) Services are separately identifiable if they have no more than one—

(A) Scope of work; or

(B) Description of services.

(iii) This requirement does not apply if there are associated subline items, established for other than informational reasons, and those subline items include the actual detailed identification in accordance with 204.7104. Where this exception applies, use a general narrative description instead of the contract item description.

(3) *Separate delivery schedule.* Each contract line item or service shall have its own delivery schedule, period of performance, or completion date expressly stated (“as required” constitutes an expressly stated delivery term).

(i) The fact that there is more than one delivery date, destination, performance date, or performance point may be a determining factor in the decision as to whether to establish more than one contract line item.

(ii) If a contract line item has more than one destination or delivery date, the contracting officer may create individual contract line items for the different destinations or delivery dates, or may specify the different delivery dates for the units by destination in the delivery schedule.

(4) *Single accounting classification citation.*

(i) Each contract line item shall reference a single accounting classification citation except as provided in paragraph (a)(4)(ii) of this subsection.

(ii) The use of multiple accounting classification citations for a contract line item is authorized in the following situations:

(A) A single, nonseverable deliverable to be paid for with R&D or other funds properly incrementally obligated over several fiscal years in accordance with DoD policy;

(B) A single, nonseverable deliverable to be paid for with different authorizations or appropriations, such as in the acquisition of a satellite or the

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modification of production tooling used to produce items being acquired by several activities; or

(C) A modification to an existing contract line item for a nonseverable deliverable that results in the delivery of a modified item(s) where the item(s) and modification are to be paid for with different accounting classification citations.

(iii) When the use of multiple accounting classification citations is authorized for a single contract line item, establish informational subline items for each accounting classification citation in accordance with 204.7104-1(a).

(b) All subline items and exhibit line items under one contract line item shall be the same contract type as the contract line item.

(c) For a contract that contains a combination of fixed-price line items, time-and-materials/labor-hour line items, and/or cost-reimbursement line items, identify the contract type for each contract line item in Section B, Supplies or Services and Prices/Costs, to facilitate appropriate payment.

(d) Exhibits may be used as an alternative to putting a long list of contract line items in the schedule. If exhibits are used, create a contract line item citing the exhibit's identifier. See 204.7105(a).

(e) If the contract involves a test model or a first article which must be approved, establish a separate contract line item or subline item for each item of supply or service which must be approved. If the test model or first article consists of a lot composed of a mixture of items, a single line item or subline item may be used for the lot.

(f) If a supply or service involves ancillary functions, like packaging and handling, transportation, payment of state or local taxes, or use of reusable containers, and these functions are normally performed by the contractor and the contractor is normally entitled to reimbursement for performing these functions, do not establish a separate contract line item solely to account for these functions. However, do identify the functions in the contract schedule. If the offeror separately prices these functions, contracting officers may establish separate contract line items for the functions; however, the separate line items must conform to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this subsection.

#### **204.7103-2 Numbering procedures.**

Follow the procedures at PGI 204.7103-2 for numbering contract line items.

#### **204.7104 Contract subline items.**

##### **204.7104-1 Criteria for establishing.**

Contract subline items provide flexibility to further identify elements within a contract line item for tracking performance or simplifying administration. There are only two kinds of subline items: those which are informational in nature and those which consist of more than one item that requires separate identification.

(a) *Informational subline items.*

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(1) This type of subline item identifies information that relates directly to the contract line item and is an integral part of it (e.g., parts of an assembly or parts of a kit). These subline items shall not be scheduled separately for delivery, identified separately for shipment or performance, or priced separately for payment purposes.

(2) The informational subline item may include quantities, prices, or amounts, if necessary to satisfy management requirements. However, these elements shall be included within the item description in the supplies/services column and enclosed in parentheses to prevent confusing them with quantities, prices, or amounts that have contractual significance. Do not enter these elements in the quantity and price columns.

(3) Informational subline items shall be used to identify each accounting classification citation assigned to a single contract line item number when use of multiple citations is authorized (see 204.7103-1(a)(4)(ii)).

(b) *Separately identified subline items.*

(1) Subline items will be used instead of contract line items to facilitate payment, delivery tracking, contract funds accounting, or other management purposes. Such subline items shall be used when items bought under one contract line item number—

(i) Are to be paid for from more than one accounting classification. A subline item shall be established for the quantity associated with the single accounting classification citation. Establish a line item rather than a subline item if it is likely that a subline item may be assigned additional accounting classification citations at a later date. Identify the funding as described in 204.7104-1(a)(3);

(ii) Are to be packaged in different sizes, each represented by its own NSN;

(iii) Have collateral costs, such as packaging costs, but those costs are not a part of the unit price of the contract line item;

(iv) Have different delivery dates or destinations or requisitions, or a combination of the three; or

(v) Identify parts of an assembly or kit which—

(A) Have to be separately identified at the time of shipment or performance; and

(B) Are separately priced.

(2) Each separately identified contract subline item shall have its own—

(i) Delivery schedule, period of performance, or completion date;

(ii) Unit price or single total price or amount (not separately priced (NSP) is acceptable as an entry for price or amount if the price is included in another subline item or a different contract line item). This requirement does not apply—

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(A) If the subline item was created to refer to an exhibit or an attachment. If management needs dictate that a unit price be entered, the price shall be set forth in the item description block of the schedule and enclosed in parentheses; or

(B) In the case of indefinite delivery contracts described at 204.7103-1(a)(1)(vi).

(iii) Identification (e.g., NSN, item description, manufacturer's part number, scope of work, description of services).

(3) Unit prices and extended amounts.

(i) The unit price and total amount for all subline items may be entered at the contract line item number level if the unit price for the subline items is identical. If there is any variation, the subline item unit prices shall be entered at the subline item level only.

(ii) The unit price and extended amounts may be entered at the subline items level.

(iii) The two methods in paragraphs (b)(3)(i) and (ii) of this subsection shall not be combined in a contract line item.

(iv) When the price for items not separately priced is included in the price of another subline item or contract line item, it may be necessary to withhold payment on the priced subline item until all the related subline items that are not separately priced have been delivered. In those cases, use the clause at 252.204-7002, Payment for Subline Items Not Separately Priced.

#### **204.7104-2 Numbering procedures.**

Follow the procedures at PGI 204.7104-2 for numbering contract subline items.

#### **204.7105 Contract exhibits and attachments.**

(a) *Use of exhibits.*

(1) Exhibits may be used instead of putting a long list of contract line items or subline items in the contract schedule. Exhibits are particularly useful in buying spare parts.

(2) When using exhibits, establish a contract line or subline item and refer to the exhibit.

(3) Identify exhibits individually.

(4) Each exhibit shall apply to only one contract line item or subline item, except—

(i) One exhibit may apply to one or more option line item(s) when the data required under the exhibits is identical in all respects except the period during which the option is to be exercised; and

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(ii) An exhibit may apply to more than one contract line item if the exhibit is not separately priced and the exhibit deliverable is identical for all applicable contract line items.

(5) More than one exhibit may apply to a single contract line item.

(6) Data items on a DD Form 1423, Contract Data Requirements List, may be either separately priced or not separately priced.

(i) Separately priced. When data are separately priced, enter the price in only one place in the contract: in either Section B of the contract schedule or on the DD Form 1423. Whichever place, display the price there consistently.

(A) *Section B*. If the prices are entered in section B of the schedule, detach Blocks 17 and 18 of the DD Form 1423 and file elsewhere in the contract file. If the prices are entered on the DD Form 1423, do not detach Blocks 17 and 18 of the DD Form 1423.

(B) *DD Form 1423*. If the prices are entered on the DD Form 1423, the price of all separately priced deliverable data items attributable to a line item shall be totalled and included, for information purposes, in parentheses, below the supplies services for that line item, in section B of the schedule.

(ii) NSP. Include prices in a priced contract line item or subline item. Detach Blocks 17 and 18 of the DD Form 1423 and retain them elsewhere as required.

(7) The contracting officer may append attachments to exhibits, as long as the attachment does not identify a deliverable requirement which has not been established by a contract or exhibit line or subline item.

(b) *Numbering exhibits and attachments*.

(1) Use alpha characters to identify exhibits. The alpha characters shall be either single or double capital letters. Do not use the letters I or O.

(2) Exhibit identifiers need not be either consecutive or sequential.

(3) Once an identifier has been assigned to an exhibit, do not use it on another exhibit in the same contract.

(4) The identifier shall always appear in the first or first and second positions of all applicable exhibit line item numbers.

(5) If the exhibit has more than one page, cite the procurement instrument identification number, exhibit identifier, and applicable contract line or subline item number on each page.

(6) Use numbers to identify attachments.

(c) *Numbering exhibit line items and subline items*.

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(1) Criteria for establishing. The criteria for establishing exhibit line items and subline items is the same as those for establishing contract line items and subline items (see 204.7103 and 204.7104, respectively).

(2) Procedures for numbering.

(i) Number items in an exhibit in a manner similar to contract line items and subline items.

(ii) Number line items using a four position number.

(A) The first position or the first and second position contain the exhibit identifier.

(B) The third and fourth positions contain the alpha or numeric character serial numbers assigned to the line item.

(iii) Assign alpha or numeric characters to the line item on the basis of the same criteria outlined in contract subline items at 204.7104.

(iv) Exhibit line item numbers shall be sequential within the exhibit.

(3) Examples.

(i) *Two position serial number for double letter exhibit identifier.*

<u>Cumulative No. of Line Items</u>	<u>Serial Number Sequence</u>
1-33	01 thru 09, then OA thru OZ, then
34-67	10 thru 19, then 1A thru 1Z, then
68-101	20 thru 29, then 2A thru 2Z, then
102-135	30 thru 39, then 3A thru 3Z, then
136-169	40 thru 49, then 4A thru 4Z, then
170-203	50 thru 59, then 5A thru 5Z, then
204-237	60 thru 69, then 6A thru 6Z, then
238-271	70 thru 79, then 7A thru 7Z, then
272-305	80 thru 89, then 8A thru 8Z, then
306-339	90 thru 99, then 9A thru 9Z, then
340-373	A0 thru A9, then AA thru AZ, then
374-407	B0 thru B9, then BA thru BZ, then

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408-441	C0 thru C9, then CA thru CZ, then
442-475	D0 thru D9, then DA thru DZ, then
476-509	E0 thru E9, then EA thru EZ, then
510-543	F0 thru F9, then FA thru FZ, then
544-577	G0 thru G9, then GA thru GZ, then
578-611	H0 thru H9, then HA thru HZ, then
612-645	J0 thru J9, then JA thru JZ, then
646-679	K0 thru K9, then KA thru KZ, then
680-713	L0 thru L9, then LA thru LZ, then
714-747	M0 thru M9, then MA thru MZ, then
748-781	N0 thru N9, then NA thru NZ, then
782-815	P0 thru P9, then PA thru PZ, then
816-849	Q0 thru Q9, then QA thru QZ, then
850-883	R0 thru R9, then RA thru RZ, then
884-917	S0 thru S9, then SA thru SZ, then
918-951	T0 thru T9, then TA thru TZ, then
952-985	U0 thru U9, then UA thru UZ, then
986-1019	V0 thru V9, then VA thru VZ, then
1020-1053	W0 thru W9, then WA thru WZ, then
1054-1087	X0 thru X9, then XA thru XZ, then
1088-1121	Y0 thru Y9, then YA thru YZ, then
1122-1155	Z0 thru Z9, then ZA thru ZZ

(ii) *Three position numbers.*

Cumulative No.  
of Line Items

1-33

Serial Number Sequence

01 thru 009, then 00A thru 00Z, then

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34-67	010 thru 019, then 01A thru 01Z, then
68-101	020 thru 029, then 02A thru 02Z, then
102-135	030 thru 039, then 03A thru 03Z and
136-305	so on to
306-339	090 thru 099, then 09A thru 09Z, then
340-373	0A0 thru 0A9, then 0AA thru 0AZ, then
374-407	0B0 thru 0B9, then 0BB thru 0BZ, then
408-441	0C0 thru 0C9, then 0CA thru 0CZ, and
442-1121	so on to
1122-1155	0Z0 thru 0Z9, then 0ZA thru 0ZZ, then
1156-1189	100 thru 109, then 10A thru 10Z, then
1190-1223	110 thru 119, then 11A thru 11Z, then
1224-1257	120 thru 129, then 12A thru 12Z, and
1258-1461	so on to
1462-1495	190 thru 199, then 19A thru 19Z, then
1496-1529	1A0 thru 1A9, then 1AA thru 1AZ, then
1530-1563	1B0 thru 1B9, then 1BA thru 1BZ, and
1564-2277	so on to
2278-2311	1Z0 thru 1Z9, then 1ZA thru 1ZB, then
2312-2345	200 thru 109, then 10A thru 10Z, then
2346-2379	210 thru 219, then 21A thru 21Z, then
2380-2413	220 thru 229, then 22A thru 22Z, and
2414-2617	so on to
2618-2651	290 thru 299, then 29A thru 29Z, then
2652-2685	2A0 thru 2A9, then 2AA thru 2AZ, then
2686-2719	2B0 thru 2B9, then 2BA thru 2BZ, and

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2720-3433	so on to
3434-3467	2Z0 thru 2Z9, then 2ZA thru 2ZZ, then
3468-3501	300 thru 309, then 30Z thru 30Z, and
3502-10403	so on to
10404-10437	900 thru 909, then 90A thru 90Z, then
10438-10471	910 thru 919, then 91A thru 91Z, and
10472-10709	so on to
10710-10743	990 thru 999, then 99A thru 99Z, then
10744-10777	9A0 thru 9A9, then 9AA thru 9AZ, then
10778-10811	9B0 thru 9B9, then 9BA thru 9BZ, and
10812-11525	so on to
11526-11559	9Z0 thru 9Z9, then 9ZA thru 9ZZ

#### **204.7106 Contract modifications.**

(a) If new items are added, assign new contract line or subline item numbers or exhibit line item numbers, in accordance with the procedures established at 204.7103, 204.7104, and 204.7105.

(b) *Modifications to existing contract line items or exhibit line items.*

(1) If the modification relates to existing contract line items or exhibit line items, the modification shall refer to those item numbers.

(2) If the contracting officer decides to assign new identifications to existing contract or exhibit line items, the following rules apply—

(i) *Definitized and undefinitized items.*

(A) The original line item or subline item number may be used if the modification applies to the total quantity of the original line item or subline.

(B) The original line item or subline item number may be used if the modification makes only minor changes in the specifications of some of the items ordered on the original line item or subline item and the resulting changes in unit price can be averaged to provide a new single unit price for the total quantity. If the changes in the specifications make the item significantly distinguishable from the original item or the resulting changes in unit price cannot be averaged, create a new line item.

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(C) If the modification affects only a partial quantity of an existing contract or exhibit line item or subline item and the change does not involve either the delivery date or the ship-to/mark-for data, the original contract or exhibit line item or subline item number shall remain with the unchanged quantity. Assign the changed quantity the next available number.

(ii) *Undefinitized items*. In addition to the rules in paragraph (b)(2)(i), the following additional rules apply to undefinitized items—

(A) If the modification is undefinitized and increases the quantity of an existing definitized item, assign the undefinitized quantity the next available number.

(B) If the modification increases the quantity of an existing undefinitized item, the original contract or exhibit line item or subline item may be used if the unit price for the new quantity is expected to be the same as the price for the original quantity. If the unit prices of the two quantities will be different, assign the new quantity the next available number.

(C) If the modification both affects only a partial quantity of the existing contract or exhibit line or subline item and definitizes the price for the affected portion, the definitized portion shall retain the original item number. If there is any undefinitized portion of the item, assign it the next available number. However, if the modification definitizes the price for the whole quantity of the line item, and price impact of the changed work can be apportioned equally over the whole to arrive at a new unit price, the quantity with the changes can be added into the quantity of the existing item.

(D) If the modification affects only a partial quantity of an existing contract or exhibit line or subline item but does not change the delivery schedule or definitize price, the unchanged portion shall retain the original contract or exhibit line or subline item number. Assign the changed portion the next available number.

(3) If the modification will decrease the amount obligated—

(i) There shall be coordination between the administrative and procuring contracting offices before issuance of the modification; and

(ii) The contracting officer shall not issue the modification unless sufficient unliquidated obligation exists or the purpose is to recover monies owed to the Government.

#### **204.7107 Contract accounting classification reference number (ACRN).**

Follow the procedures at PGI 204.7107 for assigning ACRNs.

#### **204.7108 Payment instructions.**

Follow the procedures at PGI 204.7108 for inclusion of payment instructions in contracts.

#### **204.7109 Contract clause.**

Use the clause at 252.204-7006, Billing Instructions, in solicitations and contracts if Section G includes—

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- (a) Any of the standard payment instructions at PGI 204.7108(d)(1) through (6); or
- (b) Other payment instructions, in accordance with PGI 204.7108(d)(12), that require contractor identification of the contract line item(s) on the payment request.