

(a) Authority to issue and sign Government bills of lading for the transportation of headstones and markers is further delegated to:

(1) Chief, Centralized Contracting Division, Office of Operations Support.

(2) Freight Rate Specialist, Office of Operations Support.

(b) Authority to procure, in emergency situations when the servicing supply organization cannot be utilized, and in accordance with the provisions of FAR Part 13, supplies, equipment, and nonpersonal services (including construction) required for the operation of national cemeteries is delegated to:

(1) Director, National Cemetery System, and Director, Office of Field Operations, National Cemetery System.

(2) Director, National Cemetery Area Office.

(c) Authority to procure items and nonpersonal services up to \$300 per transaction for the operation of national cemeteries is delegated to the Director of each national cemetery. The authority is to be used only in emergency situations when the servicing supply organization cannot be utilized, and the method of purchase is limited to the use of SF 44, Purchase Order—Invoice—Voucher, (FAR 13.306).

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801.670-5 Letters of agreement.

(a) Authority to execute, award, and administer letters of agreement (subject to the limitation prescribed in 837.2) is delegated to the following:

(1) General Counsel.

(2) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Human Resources Management.

(3) Under Secretary for Health.

(4) Under Secretary for Benefits.

(5) Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs.

(6) Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisition and Materiel Management

(7) Inspector General.

(8) Directors, Regional Medical Education Centers (limited to obtaining instructors and training pursuant to section 7471 of Title 38, United States Code).

(9) Directors, Domiciliary and Medical Centers and Research and Develop-

ment Service Directors authorized to sign for the Chief Research and Development Officer (limited to obtaining peer review of research (see 837.2)).

(b) The contracting officers named in paragraphs (a) (1) through (7) of this section may designate one or more subordinates, and authority to execute letters of agreement is hereby delegated to such subordinates. Such subordinates will be no more than one organizational level below the contracting officers designated in paragraph (a) of this section, except that the Under Secretary for Health may designate the Veterans Integrated Service Network Directors. All such designations will be in writing, will specifically state the scope and limitations of the designees' contractual authority, and will also specifically prohibit further delegation by the designees. Copies of the delegation will be submitted to the Office of Acquisition and Materiel Management, Acquisition Administration Team.

(c) Copies of all letters of agreement issued by the designees identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section will be forwarded to the servicing contracting activity in order that the procurement action may be entered into the Federal Procurement Data System.

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801.680 Contracting authority of the Inspector General.

(a) As provided by section 6(a) of Pub. L. 95-452 (October 12, 1978), the Inspector General is authorized to enter into contracts and other arrangements for audits, studies, analyses, and other services with public agencies and with private persons, and to make such payments as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Act, to the extent and in such amounts as may be provided in advance by appropriations Acts.

(b) In exercising the special authority provided in paragraph (a) of this section, the Inspector General may request the assistance of the servicing Acquisition and Materiel Management