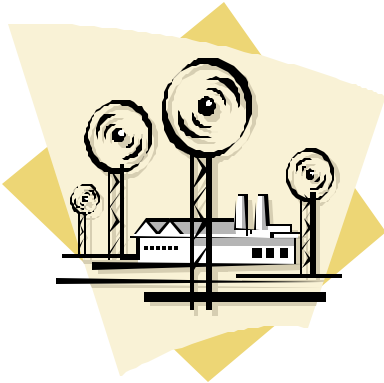


## Utilities



*[Reference: FAR 41, DEAR 941 and 970.4102]*

### Overview

This section discusses the acquisition and sales of utility services by DOE and its contractors.

### Background

DOE's mission involves projects that use large amounts of electricity and other utilities. The acquisition of utilities requires analysis of the quantity of service necessary and proper planning to assure that the service is acquired efficiently and at the lowest reasonable cost. That planning should consider the availability of GSA area wide contracts and the appropriateness of a separate contract in accordance with FAR 41.2.

### Headquarters Review

Solicitations, contracts, and modifications to contracts for the acquisition of utility services at facilities owned or leased by DOE are submitted to DOE Headquarters for review and approval. The term "contracts" includes interagency and intra-agency agreements and subcontracts.

The Headquarters review is coordinated by the Office of the Federal Energy Management Program, the Office General Counsel, the Office of Contract Management, and the cognizant Program Office which results in a consolidated response. Questions about utilities services acquisitions may be directed to the Office of the Federal Energy Management Program Headquarters at (202) 586-3703.