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#### 201.602 Contracting officers.

#### 201.602-2 Responsibilities.

- (1) Follow the procedures at PGI 201.602-2 regarding designation of a contracting officer's representative (COR).
  - (2) A COR—
- (i) Must be a Government employee, unless otherwise authorized in agency regulations;
- (ii) Must be qualified by training and experience commensurate with the responsibilities to be delegated in accordance with department/agency guidelines;
- (iii) May not be delegated responsibility to perform functions at a contractor's location that have been delegated under FAR 42.202(a) to a contract administration office:
- (iv) Has no authority to make any commitments or changes that affect price, quality, quantity, delivery, or other terms and conditions of the contract; and
- (v) Must be designated in writing, and a copy furnished the contractor and the contract administration office—
- (A) Specifying the extent of the COR's authority to act on behalf of the contracting officer;
  - (B) Identifying the limitations on the COR's authority;
  - (C) Specifying the period covered by the designation;
  - (D) Stating the authority is not redelegable; and
  - (E) Stating that the COR may be personally liable for unauthorized acts.

#### 201.602-70 Contract clause.

Use the clause at 252.201-7000, Contracting Officer's Representative, in solicitations and contracts when appointment of a contracting officer's representative is anticipated.

#### 201.603 Selection, appointment, and termination of appointment.

#### 201.603-2 Selection.

(1) In accordance with 10 U.S.C. 1724, in order to qualify to serve as a contracting officer with authority to award or administer contracts for amounts above the simplified acquisition threshold, a person must—

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- (i) Have completed all contracting courses required for a contracting officer to serve in the grade in which the employee or member of the armed forces will serve;
  - (ii) Have at least 2 years experience in a contracting position;
  - (iii) Have—
- (A) Received a baccalaureate degree from an accredited educational institution; and
- (B) Completed at least 24 semester credit hours, or equivalent, of study from an accredited institution of higher education in any of the following disciplines: accounting, business finance, law, contracts, purchasing, economics, industrial management, marketing, quantitative methods, and organization and management; and
- (iv) Meet such additional requirements, based on the dollar value and complexity of the contracts awarded or administered in the position, as may be established by the Secretary of Defense.
- (2) The qualification requirements in paragraph (1)(iii) of this subsection do not apply to a DoD employee or member of the armed forces who--
  - (i) On or before September 30, 2000, occupied--
- (A) A contracting officer position with authority to award or administer contracts above the simplified acquisition threshold; or
- (B) A position either as an employee in the GS-1102 occupational series or a member of the armed forces in an occupational specialty similar to the GS-1102 series;
  - (ii) Is in a contingency contracting force; or
- (iii) Is an individual appointed to a 3-year developmental position. Information on developmental opportunities is contained in DoD Manual 5000.52-M, Acquisition Career Development Program.
- (3) Waivers to the requirements in paragraph (1) of this subsection may be authorized. Information on waivers is contained in DoD Manual 5000.52-M.

#### 201.603-3 Appointment.

- (a) Certificates of Appointment executed under the Armed Services Procurement Regulation or the Defense Acquisition Regulation have the same effect as if they had been issued under FAR.
- (b) Agency heads may delegate the purchase authority in 213.301 to DoD civilian employees and members of the U.S. Armed Forces.

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#### SUBPART 208.70-COORDINATED ACQUISITION

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#### 208.7000 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes policy and procedures for acquisition of items for which contracting responsibility is assigned to one or more of the departments/agencies or the General Services Administration. Contracting responsibility is assigned through—

- (a) The Coordinated Acquisition Program (commodity assignments are listed in PGI 208.7006); or
- (b) The Integrated Materiel Management Program (assignments are in DoD 4140.26-M, Defense Integrated Materiel Management Manual for Consumable Items).

#### 208.7001 Definitions.

For purposes of this subpart—

"Acquiring department" means the department, agency, or General Services Administration which has contracting responsibility under the Coordinated Acquisition Program.

"Integrated materiel management" means assignment of acquisition management responsibility to one department, agency, or the General Service Administration for all of DoD's requirements for the assigned item. Acquisition management normally includes computing requirements, funding, budgeting, storing, issuing, cataloging, standardizing, and contracting functions.

"Requiring department" means the department or agency which has the requirement for an item.

#### 208.7002 Assignment authority.

- (a) Under the DoD Coordinated Acquisition Program, contracting responsibility for certain commodities is assigned to a single department, agency, or the General Services Administration (GSA). Commodity assignments are made—
- (1) To the departments and agencies, by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics);
- (2) To GSA, through agreement with GSA, by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics);
  - (3) Outside the contiguous United States, by the Unified Commanders; and
- (4) For acquisitions to be made in the contiguous United States for commodities not assigned under paragraphs (a)(1), (2), or (3) of this section, by agreement of agency heads (10 U.S.C. 2311).
- (i) Agreement may be on either a one-time or a continuing basis. The submission of a military interdepartmental purchase request (MIPR) by a requiring

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activity and its acceptance by the contracting activity of another department, even though based on an oral communication, constitutes a one-time agreement.

- (ii) Consider repetitive delegated acquisition responsibilities for coordinated acquisition assignment. If not considered suitable for coordinated acquisition assignment, formalize continuing agreements and distribute them to all activities concerned.
- (b) Under the Integrated Materiel Management Program, assignments are made by the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Logistics)—
  - (1) To the departments and agencies; and
  - (2) To GSA, through agreement with GSA.

#### 208.7002-1 Acquiring department responsibilities.

See PGI 208.7002-1 for the acquiring department's responsibilities.

#### 208.7002-2 Requiring department responsibilities.

See PGI 208.7002-2 for the requiring department's responsibilities.

#### 208.7003 Applicability.

#### 208.7003-1 Assignments under integrated materiel management (IMM).

- (a) Acquire all items assigned for IMM from the IMM manager except—
- (1) Items purchased under circumstances of unusual and compelling urgency as defined in FAR 6.302-2. After such a purchase is made, the requiring activity must send one copy of the contract and a statement of the emergency to the IMM manager;
- (2) Items for which the IMM manager assigns a supply system code for local purchase or otherwise grants authority to purchase locally; or
- (3) When purchase by the requiring activity is in the best interest of the Government in terms of the combination of quality, timeliness, and cost that best meets the requirement. This exception does not apply to items—
  - (i) Critical to the safe operation of a weapon system;
  - (ii) With special security characteristics; or
  - (iii) Which are dangerous (e.g., explosives, munitions).
- (b) Follow the procedures at PGI 208.7003-1(b) when an item assigned for IMM is to be acquired by the requiring department in accordance with paragraph (a)(3) of this subsection.

#### 208.7003-2 Assignments under coordinated acquisition.

Requiring departments must submit to the acquiring department all contracting requirements for items assigned for coordinated acquisition, except—

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- (a) Items obtained through the sources in FAR 8.002(a)(1)(i) through (vii);
- (b) Items obtained under 208.7003-1(a);
- (c) Requirements not in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold in FAR Part 2, when contracting by the requiring department is in the best interest of the Government:
- (d) In an emergency. When an emergency purchase is made, the requiring department must send one copy of the contract and a statement of the emergency to the contracting activity of the acquiring department;
- (e) Requirements for which the acquiring department's contracting activity delegates contracting authority to the requiring department;
- (f) Items in a research and development stage (as described in FAR Part 35). Under this exception, the military departments may contract for research and development requirements, including quantities for testing purposes and items undergoing in-service evaluation (not yet in actual production, but beyond prototype). Generally, this exception applies only when research and development funds are used.
- (g) Items peculiar to nuclear ordnance material where design characteristics or test-inspection requirements are controlled by the Department of Energy (DoE) or by DoD to ensure reliability of nuclear weapons.
- (1) This exception applies to all items designed for and peculiar to nuclear ordnance regardless of agency control, or to any item which requires test or inspection conducted or controlled by DoE or DoD.
- (2) This exception does not cover items used for both nuclear ordnance and other purposes if the items are not subject to the special testing procedures.
- (h) Items to be acquired under FAR 6.302-6 (national security requires limitation of sources);
- (i) Items to be acquired under FAR 6.302-1 (supplies available only from the original source for follow-on contract);
- (j) Items directly related to a major system and which are design controlled by and acquired from either the system manufacturer or a manufacturer of a major subsystem;
- (k) Items subject to rapid design changes, or to continuous redesign or modification during the production and/or operational use phases, which require continual contact between industry and the requiring department to ensure that the item meets the requirements:
- (1) This exception permits the requiring department to contract for items of highly unstable design. For use of this exception, it must be clearly impractical, both technically and contractually, to refer the acquisition to the acquiring department. Anticipation that contracting by negotiation will be appropriate, or that a number of design changes may occur during contract performance is not in itself sufficient reason for using this exception.

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- (2) This exception also applies to items requiring compatibility testing, provided such testing requires continual contact between industry and the requiring department;
  - (l) Containers acquired only with items for which they are designed;
  - (m) One-time buy of a noncataloged item.
- (1) This exception permits the requiring departments to contract for a nonrecurring requirement for a noncataloged item. This exception could cover a part or component for a prototype which may be stock numbered at a later date.
- (2) This exception does not permit acquisitions of recurring requirements for an item, based solely on the fact that the item is not stock numbered, nor may it be used to acquire items which have only slightly different characteristics than previously cataloged items.

#### **208.7004** Procedures.

Follow the procedures at PGI 208.7004 for processing coordinated acquisition requirements.

#### 208.7005 Military interdepartmental purchase requests.

Follow the procedures at—

- (a) PGI 253.208-1 when using DD Form 448, Military Interdepartmental Purchase Request: and
  - (b) PGI 253.208-2 when using DD Form 448-2, Acceptance of MIPR.

#### 208.7006 Coordinated acquisition assignments.

See PGI 208.7006 for coordinated acquisition assignments.

# SUBPART 212.3–SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES FOR THE ACQUISITION OF COMMERCIAL ITEMS

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### 212.301 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses for the acquisition of commercial items.

- (f)(i) Use one of the following provisions as prescribed in Part 225:
- (A) 252.225-7000, Buy American Act--Balance of Payments Program Certificate.
  - (B) 252.225-7020, Trade Agreements Certificate.
- (C) 252.225-7035, Buy American Act--Free Trade Agreements--Balance of Payments Program Certificate.
- (ii) Use the provision at 252.212-7000, Offeror Representations and Certifications--Commercial Items, in all solicitations for commercial items exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold. If an exception to 10 U.S.C. 2410i applies to a solicitation exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold (see 225.7603), indicate on an addendum that "The certification in paragraph (b) of the provision at 252.212-7000 does not apply to this solicitation."
- (iii) Use the clause at 252.212-7001, Contract Terms and Conditions Required to Implement Statutes or Executive Orders Applicable to Defense Acquisitions of Commercial Items, in all solicitations and contracts for commercial items, completing paragraphs (a) and (b), as appropriate.

See DoD Class Deviation <u>2004-O0002</u>, Commercial Item Omnibus Clauses for Acquisitions Using the Standard Procurement System, issued on April 29, 2004. This deviation expires on April 30, 2009.

- (iv) Use the provision at 252.209-7001, Disclosure of Ownership or Control by the Government of a Terrorist Country, as prescribed in 209.104-70(a).
- (v) Use the clause at 252.232-7009, Mandatory Payment by Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card, as prescribed in 232.1110.
- (vi) Use the clause at 252.211-7003, Item Identification and Valuation, as prescribed in 211.274-4.
- (vii) Use the clause at 252.225-7040, Contractor Personnel Authorized to Accompany U.S. Armed Forces Deployed Outside the United States, as prescribed in 225.7402-4.
- (viii) Use the clause at 252.225-7043, Antiterrorism/Force Protection Policy for Defense Contractors Outside the United States, in solicitations and contracts that include the clause at 252.225-7040.

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- (ix) Use the clause at 252.211-7006, Radio Frequency Identification, as prescribed in 211.275-3.
- (x) Use the clause at 252.222-7006, Combating Trafficking in Persons, as prescribed in 222.1705.
- (xi) Use the clause at 252.232-7010, Levies on Contract Payments, as prescribed in 232.7102.

# 212.302 Tailoring of provisions and clauses for the acquisition of commercial items.

(c) Tailoring inconsistent with customary commercial practice. The head of the contracting activity is the approval authority within the DoD for waivers under FAR 12.302(c).

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#### SUBPART 215.4-CONTRACT PRICING

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#### 215.403 Obtaining cost or pricing data.

#### 215.403-1 Prohibition on obtaining cost or pricing data.

- (c) Standards for exceptions from cost or pricing data requirements.
- (1) Adequate price competition. For acquisitions under dual or multiple source programs:
- (A) The determination of adequate price competition must be made on a case-by-case basis. Even when adequate price competition exists, in certain cases it may be appropriate to obtain additional information to assist in price analysis.
  - (B) Adequate price competition normally exists when—
- (i) Prices are solicited across a full range of step quantities, normally including a 0-100 percent split, from at least two offerors that are individually capable of producing the full quantity; and
- (ii) The reasonableness of all prices awarded is clearly established on the basis of price analysis (see FAR 15.404-1(b)).
- (3) Commercial items. By November 30th of each year, departments and agencies shall provide a report to the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP), ATTN: DPAP/CPF, of all contracting officer determinations that commercial item exceptions apply under FAR 15.403-1(b)(3), during the previous fiscal year, for any contract, subcontract, or modification expected to have a value of \$15,000,000 or more. See PGI 215.403-1(c)(3) for the format and guidance for the report. The Director, DPAP, will submit a consolidated report to the congressional defense committees.

#### (4) Waivers.

- (A) The head of the contracting activity may, without power of delegation, apply the exceptional circumstances authority when a determination is made that—
- (1) The property or services cannot reasonably be obtained under the contract, subcontract, or modification, without the granting of the waiver;
- (2) The price can be determined to be fair and reasonable without the submission of certified cost or pricing data; and
- (3) There are demonstrated benefits to granting the waiver. See PGI 215.403-1(c)(4)(A) for guidance applicable to waivers for part of a proposal and unpriced options.
- (B) By November 30th of each year, departments and agencies shall provide a report to the Director, DPAP, ATTN: DPAP/CPF, of all waivers granted under FAR

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- 15.403-1(b)(4), during the previous fiscal year, for any contract, subcontract, or modification expected to have a value of \$15,000,000 or more. See PGI 215.403-1(c)(4)(B) for the format and guidance for the report. The Director, DPAP, will submit a consolidated report to the congressional defense committees.
- (C) DoD has waived the requirement for submission of cost or pricing data for the Canadian Commercial Corporation and its subcontractors.
- (D) DoD has waived cost or pricing data requirements for nonprofit organizations (including educational institutions) on cost-reimbursement-no-fee contracts. The contracting officer shall require—
- (1) Submission of information other than cost or pricing data to the extent necessary to determine price reasonableness and cost realism; and
- (2) Cost or pricing data from subcontractors that are not nonprofit organizations when the subcontractor's proposal exceeds the cost or pricing data threshold at FAR 15.403-4(a)(1).

## 215.403-5 Instructions for submission of cost or pricing data or information other than cost or pricing data.

When the solicitation requires contractor compliance with the Contractor Cost Data Reporting System, follow the procedures at PGI 215.403-5.

#### 215.404 Proposal analysis.

#### 215.404-1 Proposal analysis techniques.

- (a) General. For spare parts or support equipment, perform an analysis of—
- (i) Those line items where the proposed price exceeds by 25 percent or more the lowest price the Government has paid within the most recent 12-month period based on reasonably available information;
- (ii) Those line items where a comparison of the item description and the proposed price indicates a potential for overpricing;
- (iii) Significant high-dollar-value items. If there are no obvious high-dollar-value items, include an analysis of a random sample of items; and
- (iv) A random sample of the remaining low-dollar value items. Sample size may be determined by subjective judgment, e.g., experience with the offeror and the reliability of its estimating and accounting systems.

#### 215.404-2 Information to support proposal analysis.

See PGI 215.404-2 for guidance on obtaining field pricing or audit assistance.

#### 215.404-3 Subcontract pricing considerations.

Follow the procedures at PGI 215.404-3 when reviewing a subcontractor's proposal.

#### 215.404-4 Profit.

- (b) Policy.
- (1) Contracting officers shall use a structured approach for developing a prenegotiation profit or fee objective on any negotiated contract action when cost or pricing data is obtained, except for cost-plus-award-fee contracts (see 215.404-74, 216.405-2, and FAR 16.405-2) or contracts with Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs) (see 215.404-75). There are three structured approaches—
  - (A) The weighted guidelines method;
  - (B) The modified weighted guidelines method; and
  - (C) An alternate structured approach.
  - (c) Contracting officer responsibilities.
- (1) Also, do not perform a profit analysis when assessing cost realism in competitive acquisitions.
  - (2) When using a structured approach, the contracting officer—
- (A) Shall use the weighted guidelines method (see 215.404-71), except as provided in paragraphs (c)(2)(B) and (c)(2)(C) of this subsection.
- (B) Shall use the modified weighted guidelines method (see 215.404-72) on contract actions with nonprofit organizations other than FFRDCs.
  - (C) May use an alternate structured approach (see 215.404-73) when—
    - (1) The contract action is—
- (i) At or below the cost or pricing data threshold (see FAR 15.403-4(a)(1));
  - (ii) For architect-engineer or construction work;
  - (iii) Primarily for delivery of material from subcontractors; or
  - (iv) A termination settlement; or
- (2) The weighted guidelines method does not produce a reasonable overall profit objective and the head of the contracting activity approves use of the alternate approach in writing.
- (D) Shall use the weighted guidelines method to establish a basic profit rate under a formula-type pricing agreement, and may then use the basic rate on all actions under the agreement, provided that conditions affecting profit do not change.
  - (E) Shall document the profit analysis in the contract file.

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- (5) Although specific agreement on the applied weights or values for individual profit factors shall not be attempted, the contracting officer may encourage the contractor to—
- (A) Present the details of its proposed profit amounts in the weighted guidelines format or similar structured approach; and
- (B) Use the weighted guidelines method in developing profit objectives for negotiated subcontracts.
- (6) The contracting officer must also verify that relevant variables have not materially changed (e.g., performance risk, interest rates, progress payment rates, distribution of facilities capital).
  - (d) Profit-analysis factors.
- (1) *Common factors*. The common factors are embodied in the DoD structured approaches and need not be further considered by the contracting officer.

## 215.404-70 DD Form 1547, Record of Weighted Guidelines Method Application.

Follow the procedures at PGI 215.404-70 for use of DD Form 1547 whenever a structured approach to profit analysis is required.

#### 215.404-71 Weighted guidelines method.

#### 215.404-71-1 General.

- (a) The weighted guidelines method focuses on four profit factors—
  - (1) Performance risk;
  - (2) Contract type risk;
  - (3) Facilities capital employed; and
  - (4) Cost efficiency.
- (b) The contracting officer assigns values to each profit factor; the value multiplied by the base results in the profit objective for that factor. Except for the cost efficiency special factor, each profit factor has a normal value and a designated range of values. The normal value is representative of average conditions on the prospective contract when compared to all goods and services acquired by DoD. The designated range provides values based on above normal or below normal conditions. In the price negotiation documentation, the contracting officer need not explain assignment of the normal value, but should address conditions that justify assignment of other than the normal value. The cost efficiency special factor has no normal value. The contracting officer shall exercise sound business judgment in selecting a value when this special factor is used (see 215.404-71-5).

#### 215.404-71-2 Performance risk.

- (a) *Description*. This profit factor addresses the contractor's degree of risk in fulfilling the contract requirements. The factor consists of two parts:
  - (1) Technical--the technical uncertainties of performance.
  - (2) Management/cost control--the degree of management effort necessary--
    - (i) To ensure that contract requirements are met; and
    - (ii) To reduce and control costs.
- (b) *Determination*. The following extract from the DD Form 1547 is annotated to describe the process.

Item	Contractor Risk Factors	Assigned Weighting	Assigned Value	Base (Item 20)	Profit Objective
21. 22.	Technical Management/ Cost Control	(1) (1)	(2) (2)	N/A N/A	N/A N/A
23.	Performance Risk (Composite)	N/A	(3)	(4)	(5)

- (1) Assign a weight (percentage) to each element according to its input to the total performance risk. The total of the two weights equals 100 percent.
- (2) Select a value for each element from the list in paragraph (c) of this subsection using the evaluation criteria in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this subsection.
  - (3) Compute the composite as shown in the following example:

	Assigned Weighting	Assigned Value	Weighted Value
Technical Management/ Cost Control	60% 40%	5.0% 4.0%	3.0% 1.6%
Composite Value	100%		4.6%

- (4) Insert the amount from Block 20 of the DD Form 1547. Block 20 is total contract costs, excluding facilities capital cost of money.
  - (5) Multiply (3) by (4).
  - (c) Values: Normal and designated ranges.

	Normal Value	Designated Range
Standard Technology Incentive	5% 9%	3% to 7% 7% to 11%

- (1) Standard. The standard designated range should apply to most contracts.
- (2) <u>Technology incentive</u>. For the technical factor only, contracting officers may use the technology incentive range for acquisitions that include development, production, or application of innovative new technologies. The technology incentive range does not apply to efforts restricted to studies, analyses, or demonstrations that have a technical report as their primary deliverable.
  - (d) Evaluation criteria for technical.
- (1) Review the contract requirements and focus on the critical performance elements in the statement of work or specifications. Factors to consider include—
  - (i) Technology being applied or developed by the contractor;
  - (ii) Technical complexity;
  - (iii) Program maturity;
  - (iv) Performance specifications and tolerances;
  - (v) Delivery schedule; and
  - (vi) Extent of a warranty or guarantee.
  - (2) Above normal conditions.
- (i) The contracting officer may assign a higher than normal value in those cases where there is a substantial technical risk. Indicators are—
- (A) Items are being manufactured using specifications with stringent tolerance limits;
- (B) The efforts require highly skilled personnel or require the use of state-of-the-art machinery;
- (C) The services and analytical efforts are extremely important to the Government and must be performed to exacting standards;
- (D) The contractor's independent development and investment has reduced the Government's risk or cost:
- (E) The contractor has accepted an accelerated delivery schedule to meet  $\operatorname{DoD}$  requirements; or

- (F) The contractor has assumed additional risk through warranty provisions.
- (ii) Extremely complex, vital efforts to overcome difficult technical obstacles that require personnel with exceptional abilities, experience, and professional credentials may justify a value significantly above normal.
  - (iii) The following may justify a maximum value—
- (A) Development or initial production of a new item, particularly if performance or quality specifications are tight; or
  - (B) A high degree of development or production concurrency.
  - (3) Below normal conditions.
- (i) The contracting officer may assign a lower than normal value in those cases where the technical risk is low. Indicators are—
  - (A) Requirements are relatively simple;
  - (B) Technology is not complex;
  - (C) Efforts do not require highly skilled personnel;
  - (D) Efforts are routine;
  - (E) Programs are mature; or
  - (F) Acquisition is a follow-on effort or a repetitive type acquisition.
- (ii) The contracting officer may assign a value significantly below normal for—
  - (A) Routine services;
  - (B) Production of simple items:
- (C) Rote entry or routine integration of Government-furnished information; or
  - (D) Simple operations with Government-furnished property.
  - (4) Technology incentive range.
- (i) The contracting officer may assign values within the technology incentive range when contract performance includes the introduction of new, significant technological innovation. Use the technology incentive range only for the most innovative contract efforts. Innovation may be in the form of--

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- (A) Development or application of new technology that fundamentally changes the characteristics of an existing product or system and that results in increased technical performance, improved reliability, or reduced costs; or
- (B) New products or systems that contain significant technological advances over the products or systems they are replacing.
- (ii) When selecting a value within the technology incentive range, the contracting officer should consider the relative value of the proposed innovation to the acquisition as a whole. When the innovation represents a minor benefit, the contracting officer should consider using values less than the norm. For innovative efforts that will have a major positive impact on the product or program, the contracting officer may use values above the norm.
  - (e) Evaluation criteria for management/cost control.
    - (1) The contracting officer should evaluate--
- (i) The contractor's management and internal control systems using contracting office information and reviews made by field contract administration offices or other DoD field offices;
- (ii) The management involvement expected on the prospective contract action;
- (iii) The degree of cost mix as an indication of the types of resources applied and value added by the contractor;
  - (iv) The contractor's support of Federal socioeconomic programs;
- (v) The expected reliability of the contractor's cost estimates (including the contractor's cost estimating system);
- (vi) The adequacy of the contractor's management approach to controlling cost and schedule; and
- (vii) Any other factors that affect the contractor's ability to meet the cost targets (e.g., foreign currency exchange rates and inflation rates).
  - (2) Above normal conditions.
- (i) The contracting officer may assign a higher than normal value when there is a high degree of management effort. Indicators of this are—
- (A) The contractor's value added is both considerable and reasonably difficult;
  - (B) The effort involves a high degree of integration or coordination;
  - (C) The contractor has a good record of past performance;

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- (D) The contractor has a substantial record of active participation in Federal socioeconomic programs;
- (E) The contractor provides fully documented and reliable cost estimates:
  - (F) The contractor makes appropriate make-or-buy decisions; or
  - (G) The contractor has a proven record of cost tracking and control.
  - (ii) The contracting officer may justify a maximum value when the effort—
    - (A) Requires large scale integration of the most complex nature;
- (B) Involves major international activities with significant management coordination (e.g., offsets with foreign vendors); or
  - (C) Has critically important milestones.

#### (3) Below normal conditions.

- (i) The contracting officer may assign a lower than normal value when the management effort is minimal. Indicators of this are—
- (A) The program is mature and many end item deliveries have been made:
  - (B) The contractor adds minimal value to an item:
  - (C) The efforts are routine and require minimal supervision;
  - (D) The contractor provides poor quality, untimely proposals;
- (E) The contractor fails to provide an adequate analysis of subcontractor costs;
- (F) The contractor does not cooperate in the evaluation and negotiation of the proposal;
  - (G) The contractor's cost estimating system is marginal;
- (H) The contractor has made minimal effort to initiate cost reduction programs;
  - (I) The contractor's cost proposal is inadequate;
- (J) The contractor has a record of cost overruns or another indication of unreliable cost estimates and lack of cost control; or
  - (K) The contractor has a poor record of past performance.
  - (ii) The following may justify a value significantly below normal—

- (A) Reviews performed by the field contract administration offices disclose unsatisfactory management and internal control systems (e.g., quality assurance, property control, safety, security); or
- (B) The effort requires an unusually low degree of management involvement.

#### 215.404-71-3 Contract type risk and working capital adjustment.

- (a) Description. The contract type risk factor focuses on the degree of cost risk accepted by the contractor under varying contract types. The working capital adjustment is an adjustment added to the profit objective for contract type risk. It only applies to fixed-price contracts that provide for progress payments. Though it uses a formula approach, it is not intended to be an exact calculation of the cost of working capital. Its purpose is to give general recognition to the contractor's cost of working capital under varying contract circumstances, financing policies, and the economic environment.
- (b) Determination. The following extract from the DD 1547 is annotated to explain the process.

Item	Contractor	Assigned	Base	Profit
	Risk Factors	Value	(Item 20)	Objective
24.	Contract Type Risk	(1)	(2)	(3)

		Cost Financed	Length Factor	Interest Rate	
25.	Working Capital (4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)

- (1) Select a value from the list of contract types in paragraph (c) of this subsection using the evaluation criteria in paragraph (d) of this subsection.
- (2) Insert the amount from Block 20, i.e., the total allowable costs excluding facilities capital cost of money.
  - (3) Multiply (1) by (2).
- (4) Only complete this block when the prospective contract is a fixed-price contract containing provisions for progress payments.
  - (5) Insert the amount computed per paragraph (e) of this subsection.
  - (6) Insert the appropriate figure from paragraph (f) of this subsection.
- (7) Use the interest rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury (see 230.7101-1(a)). Do not use any other interest rate.

(8) Multiply (5) by (6) by (7). This is the working capital adjustment. It shall not exceed 4 percent of the contract costs in Block 20.

(c) Values: Normal and designated ranges.

Contract Type	Notes	Normal Value (percent)	Designated Range (percent)
Firm-fixed-price, no financing Firm-fixed-price, with performance-based payments	(1) (6)	$5\\4$	4 to 6. 2.5 to 5.5.
Firm-fixed-price, with progress payments	(2)	3	2 to 4.
Fixed-price incentive, no financing Fixed-price incentive, with performance- based payments	(1) (6)	$\frac{3}{2}$	2 to 4. 0.5 to 3.5.
Fixed-price with redetermination provision	(3)		
Fixed-price incentive, with progress payments	(2)	1	0 to 2.
Cost-plus-incentive-fee Cost-plus-fixed-fee	(4) (4)	1 .5	0 to 2. 0 to 1.
Time-and-materials (including overhaul contracts priced on time-and-materials basis)	(5)	.5	0 to 1.
Labor-hour	(5)	.5	0 to 1.
Firm-fixed-price, level-of-effort	(5)	.5	0 to 1.

- (1) "No financing" means either that the contract does not provide progress payments or performance-based payments, or that the contract provides them only on a limited basis, such as financing of first articles. Do not compute a working capital adjustment.
- (2) When the contract contains provisions for progress payments, compute a working capital adjustment (Block 25).
- (3) For the purposes of assigning profit values, treat a fixed-price contract with redetermination provisions as if it were a fixed-price incentive contract with below normal conditions.
  - (4) Cost-plus contracts shall not receive the working capital adjustment.
- (5) These types of contracts are considered cost-plus-fixed-fee contracts for the purposes of assigning profit values. They shall not receive the working capital

adjustment in Block 25. However, they may receive higher than normal values within the designated range to the extent that portions of cost are fixed.

- (6) When the contract contains provisions for performance-based payments, do not compute a working capital adjustment.
  - (d) Evaluation criteria.
- (1) <u>General</u>. The contracting officer should consider elements that affect contract type risk such as—
  - (i) Length of contract;
  - (ii) Adequacy of cost data for projections;
  - (iii) Economic environment;
  - (iv) Nature and extent of subcontracted activity;
- (v) Protection provided to the contractor under contract provisions (e.g., economic price adjustment clauses);
  - (vi) The ceilings and share lines contained in incentive provisions;
- (vii) Risks associated with contracts for foreign military sales (FMS) that are not funded by U.S. appropriations; and
- (viii) When the contract contains provisions for performance-based payments—
  - (A) The frequency of payments;
- (B) The total amount of payments compared to the maximum allowable amount specified at FAR 32.1004(b)(2); and
  - (C) The risk of the payment schedule to the contractor.
- (2) <u>Mandatory</u>. The contracting officer shall assess the extent to which costs have been incurred prior to definitization of the contract action (also see 217.7404-6(a)). The assessment shall include any reduced contractor risk on both the contract before definitization and the remaining portion of the contract. When costs have been incurred prior to definitization, generally regard the contract type risk to be in the low end of the designated range. If a substantial portion of the costs have been incurred prior to definitization, the contracting officer may assign a value as low as 0 percent, regardless of contract type.
- (3) <u>Above normal conditions</u>. The contracting officer may assign a higher than normal value when there is substantial contract type risk. Indicators of this are—
  - (i) Efforts where there is minimal cost history;

- (ii) Long-term contracts without provisions protecting the contractor, particularly when there is considerable economic uncertainty;
- (iii) Incentive provisions (e.g., cost and performance incentives) that place a high degree of risk on the contractor;
- (iv) FMS sales (other than those under DoD cooperative logistics support arrangements or those made from U.S. Government inventories or stocks) where the contractor can demonstrate that there are substantial risks above those normally present in DoD contracts for similar items; or
  - (v) An aggressive performance-based payment schedule that increases risk.
- (4) <u>Below normal conditions</u>. The contracting officer may assign a lower than normal value when the contract type risk is low. Indicators of this are—
  - (i) Very mature product line with extensive cost history;
  - (ii) Relatively short-term contracts;
  - (iii) Contractual provisions that substantially reduce the contractor's risk;
  - (iv) Incentive provisions that place a low degree of risk on the contractor;
- (v) Performance-based payments totaling the maximum allowable amount(s) specified at FAR 32.1004(b)(2); or
- (vi) A performance-based payment schedule that is routine with minimal risk.
  - (e) Costs financed.
- (1) Costs financed equal total costs multiplied by the portion (percent) of costs financed by the contractor.
- (2) Total costs equal Block 20 (i.e., all allowable costs excluding facilities capital cost of money), reduced as appropriate when—
- (i) The contractor has little cash investment (e.g., subcontractor progress payments liquidated late in period of performance);
- (ii) Some costs are covered by special financing provisions, such as advance payments; or
  - (iii) The contract is multiyear and there are special funding arrangements.
- (3) The portion that the contractor finances is generally the portion not covered by progress payments, i.e., 100 percent minus the customary progress payment rate (see FAR 32.501). For example, if a contractor receives progress payments at 80 percent, the portion that the contractor finances is 20 percent. On contracts that provide progress payments to small businesses, use the customary progress payment rate for large businesses.

- (f) Contract length factor.
- (1) This is the period of time that the contractor has a working capital investment in the contract. It—
- (i) Is based on the time necessary for the contractor to complete the substantive portion of the work;
- (ii) Is not necessarily the period of time between contract award and final delivery (or final payment), as periods of minimal effort should be excluded;
- (iii) Should not include periods of performance contained in option provisions; and
- (iv) Should not, for multiyear contracts, include periods of performance beyond that required to complete the initial program year's requirements.
  - (2) The contracting officer—
    - (i) Should use the following table to select the contract length factor;
- (ii) Should develop a weighted average contract length when the contract has multiple deliveries; and
- (iii) May use sampling techniques provided they produce a representative result.

TABLE		
Period to Perform Substantive	Contract Length	
Portion (in months)	Factor	
21 or less	.40	
22 to 27	.65	
28 to 33	.90	
34 to 39	1.15	
40 to 45	1.40	
46 to 51	1.65	
52 to 57	1.90	
58 to 63	2.15	
64 to 69	2.40	
70 to 75	2.65	
76 or more	2.90	

(3) Example: A prospective contract has a performance period of 40 months with end items being delivered in the 34th, 36th, 38th, and 40th months of the contract. The average period is 37 months and the contract length factor is 1.15.

#### 215.404-71-4 Facilities capital employed.

- (a) *Description*. This factor focuses on encouraging and rewarding capital investment in facilities that benefit DoD. It recognizes both the facilities capital that the contractor will employ in contract performance and the contractor's commitment to improving productivity.
- (b) *Contract facilities capital estimates*. The contracting officer shall estimate the facilities capital cost of money and capital employed using—
- (1) An analysis of the appropriate Forms CASB-CMF and cost of money factors (48 CFR 9904.414 and FAR 31.205-10); and
  - (2) DD Form 1861, Contract Facilities Capital Cost of Money.
- (c) Use of DD Form 1861. See PGI 215.404-71-4(c) for obtaining field pricing support for preparing DD Form 1861.
- (1) *Purpose*. The DD Form 1861 provides a means of linking the Form CASB-CMF and DD Form 1547, Record of Weighted Guidelines Application. It—
- (i) Enables the contracting officer to differentiate profit objectives for various types of assets (land, buildings, equipment). The procedure is similar to applying overhead rates to appropriate overhead allocation bases to determine contract overhead costs.
- (ii) Is designed to record and compute the contract facilities capital cost of money and capital employed which is carried forward to DD Form 1547.
- (2) Completion instructions. Complete a DD Form 1861 only after evaluating the contractor's cost proposal, establishing cost of money factors, and establishing a prenegotiation objective on cost. Complete the form as follows:
- (i) List overhead pools and direct-charging service centers (if used) in the same structure as they appear on the contractor's cost proposal and Form CASB-CMF. The structure and allocation base units-of-measure must be compatible on all three displays.
- (ii) Extract appropriate contract overhead allocation base data, by year, from the evaluated cost breakdown or prenegotiation cost objective and list against each overhead pool and direct-charging service center.
- (iii) Multiply each allocation base by its corresponding cost of money factor to get the facilities capital cost of money estimated to be incurred each year. The sum of these products represents the estimated contract facilities capital cost of money for the year's effort.
  - (iv) Total contract facilities cost of money is the sum of the yearly amounts.
- (v) Since the facilities capital cost of money factors reflect the applicable cost of money rate in Column 1 of Form CASB-CMF, divide the contract cost of money by that same rate to determine the contract facilities capital employed.

- (d) *Preaward facilities capital applications*. To establish cost and price objectives, apply the facilities capital cost of money and capital employed as follows:
  - (1) Cost of Money.
- (i) <u>Cost Objective</u>. Use the imputed facilities capital cost of money, with normal, booked costs, to establish a cost objective or the target cost when structuring an incentive type contract. Do not adjust target costs established at the outset even though actual cost of money rates become available during the period of contract performance.
- (ii) <u>Profit Objective</u>. When measuring the contractor's effort for the purpose of establishing a prenegotiation profit objective, restrict the cost base to normal, booked costs. Do not include cost of money as part of the cost base.
- (2) Facilities Capital Employed. Assess and weight the profit objective for risk associated with facilities capital employed in accordance with the profit guidelines at 215.404-71-4.
- (e) *Determination*. The following extract from the DD Form 1547 has been annotated to explain the process.

Item	Contractor Facilities Capital Employed	Assigned Value	Amount Employed	Profit Objective
26.	Land	N/A	(2)	N/A
27.	Buildings	N/A	(2)	N/A
28.	Equipment	(1)	(2)	(3)

- (1) Select a value from the list in paragraph (c) of this subsection using the evaluation criteria in paragraph (d) of this subsection.
- (2) Use the allocated facilities capital attributable to land, buildings, and equipment, as derived in DD Form 1861, Contract Facilities Capital Cost of Money (see 230.7001).
- (i) In addition to the net book value of facilities capital employed, consider facilities capital that is part of a formal investment plan if the contractor submits reasonable evidence that—
  - (A) Achievable benefits to DoD will result from the investment; and
- (B) The benefits of the investment are included in the forward pricing structure.
- (ii) If the value of intracompany transfers has been included in Block 20 at cost (i.e., excluding general and administrative (G&A) expenses and profit), add to the contractor's allocated facilities capital, the allocated facilities capital attributable to the buildings and equipment of those corporate divisions supplying the intracompany

transfers. Do not make this addition if the value of intracompany transfers has been included in Block 20 at price (i.e., including G&A expenses and profit).

- (3) Multiply (1) by (2).
- (f) Values: Normal and designated ranges.

Asset Type	Normal Value	Designated Range
Land	0%	N/A
Buildings	0%	N/A
Equipment	17.5%	10% to 25%

- (g) Evaluation criteria.
  - (1) In evaluating facilities capital employed, the contracting officer—
- (i) Should relate the usefulness of the facilities capital to the goods or services being acquired under the prospective contract;
- (ii) Should analyze the productivity improvements and other anticipated industrial base enhancing benefits resulting from the facilities capital investment, including—
- (A) The economic value of the facilities capital, such as physical age, undepreciated value, idleness, and expected contribution to future defense needs; and
- (B) The contractor's level of investment in defense related facilities as compared with the portion of the contractor's total business that is derived from DoD; and
- (iii) Should consider any contractual provisions that reduce the contractor's risk of investment recovery, such as termination protection clauses and capital investment indemnification.

#### (2) Above normal conditions.

- (i) The contracting officer may assign a higher than normal value if the facilities capital investment has direct, identifiable, and exceptional benefits. Indicators are—
- (A) New investments in state-of-the-art technology that reduce acquisition cost or yield other tangible benefits such as improved product quality or accelerated deliveries; or
- (B) Investments in new equipment for research and development applications.
- (ii) The contracting officer may assign a value significantly above normal when there are direct and measurable benefits in efficiency and significantly reduced acquisition costs on the effort being priced. Maximum values apply only to those cases where the benefits of the facilities capital investment are substantially above normal.

# (3) Below normal conditions.

- (i) The contracting officer may assign a lower than normal value if the facilities capital investment has little benefit to DoD. Indicators are—
  - (A) Allocations of capital apply predominantly to commercial item lines;
- (B) Investments are for such things as furniture and fixtures, home or group level administrative offices, corporate aircraft and hangars, gymnasiums; or
  - (C) Facilities are old or extensively idle.
- (ii) The contracting officer may assign a value significantly below normal when a significant portion of defense manufacturing is done in an environment characterized by outdated, inefficient, and labor-intensive capital equipment.

# 215.404-71-5 Cost efficiency factor.

- (a) This special factor provides an incentive for contractors to reduce costs. To the extent that the contractor can demonstrate cost reduction efforts that benefit the pending contract, the contracting officer may increase the prenegotiation profit objective by an amount not to exceed 4 percent of total objective cost (Block 20 of the DD Form 1547) to recognize these efforts (Block 29).
- (b) To determine if using this factor is appropriate, the contracting officer shall consider criteria, such as the following, to evaluate the benefit the contractor's cost reduction efforts will have on the pending contract:
  - (1) The contractor's participation in Single Process Initiative improvements;
  - (2) Actual cost reductions achieved on prior contracts;
  - (3) Reduction or elimination of excess or idle facilities;
- (4) The contractor's cost reduction initiatives (e.g., competition advocacy programs, technical insertion programs, obsolete parts control programs, spare parts pricing reform, value engineering, outsourcing of functions such as information technology). Metrics developed by the contractor such as fully loaded labor hours (i.e., cost per labor hour, including all direct and indirect costs) or other productivity measures may provide the basis for assessing the effectiveness of the contractor's cost reduction initiatives over time;
  - (5) The contractor's adoption of process improvements to reduce costs;
  - (6) Subcontractor cost reduction efforts;
- (7) The contractor's effective incorporation of commercial items and processes; or
- (8) The contractor's investment in new facilities when such investments contribute to better asset utilization or improved productivity.

(c) When selecting the percentage to use for this special factor, the contracting officer has maximum flexibility in determining the best way to evaluate the benefit the contractor's cost reduction efforts will have on the pending contract. However, the contracting officer shall consider the impact that quantity differences, learning, changes in scope, and economic factors such as inflation and deflation will have on cost reduction.

# 215.404-72 Modified weighted guidelines method for nonprofit organizations other than FFRDCs.

- (a) *Definition*. As used in this subpart, a nonprofit organization is a business entity—
  - (1) That operates exclusively for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes;
  - (2) Whose earnings do not benefit any private shareholder or individual;
- (3) Whose activities do not involve influencing legislation or political campaigning for any candidate for public office; and
- (4) That is exempted from Federal income taxation under section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.
- (b) For nonprofit organizations that are entities that have been identified by the Secretary of Defense or a Secretary of a Department as receiving sustaining support on a cost-plus-fixed-fee basis from a particular DoD department or agency, compute a fee objective for covered actions using the weighted guidelines method in 215.404-71, with the following modifications:
  - (1) Modifications to performance risk (Blocks 21-23 of the DD Form 1547).
- (i) If the contracting officer assigns a value from the standard designated range (see 215.404-71-2(c)), reduce the fee objective by an amount equal to 1 percent of the costs in Block 20 of the DD Form 1547. Show the net (reduced) amount on the DD Form 1547.
  - (ii) Do not assign a value from the technology incentive designated range.
- (2) Modifications to contract type risk (Block 24 of the DD Form 1547). Use a designated range of -1 percent to 0 percent instead of the values in 215.404-71-3. There is no normal value.
- (c) For all other nonprofit organizations except FFRDCs, compute a fee objective for covered actions using the weighted guidelines method in 215.404-71, modified as described in paragraph (b)(1) of this subsection.

# 215.404-73 Alternate structured approaches.

(a) The contracting officer may use an alternate structured approach under 215.404-4(c).

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- (b) The contracting officer may design the structure of the alternate, but it shall include—
- (1) Consideration of the three basic components of profit--performance risk, contract type risk (including working capital), and facilities capital employed. However, the contracting officer is not required to complete Blocks 21 through 30 of the DD Form 1547.
  - (2) Offset for facilities capital cost of money.
- (i) The contracting officer shall reduce the overall prenegotiation profit objective by the amount of facilities capital cost of money under Cost Accounting Standard (CAS) 414, Cost of Money as an Element of the Cost of Facilities Capital (48 CFR 9904.414). Cost of money under CAS 417, Cost of Money as an Element of the Cost of Capital Assets Under Construction (48 CFR 9904.417), should not be used to reduce the overall prenegotiation profit objective. The profit amount in the negotiation summary of the DD Form 1547 must be net of the offset.
- (ii) This adjustment is needed for the following reason: The values of the profit factors used in the weighted guidelines method were adjusted to recognize the shift in facilities capital cost of money from an element of profit to an element of contract cost (see FAR 31.205-10) and reductions were made directly to the profit factors for performance risk. In order to ensure that this policy is applied to all DoD contracts that allow facilities capital cost of money, similar adjustments shall be made to contracts that use alternate structured approaches.

#### 215.404-74 Fee requirements for cost-plus-award-fee contracts.

In developing a fee objective for cost-plus-award-fee contracts, the contracting officer shall—

- (a) Follow the guidance in FAR 16.405-2 and 216.405-2;
- (b) Not use the weighted guidelines method or alternate structured approach;
- (c) Apply the offset policy in 215.404-73(b)(2) for facilities capital cost of money, i.e., reduce the base fee by the amount of facilities capital cost of money; and
  - (d) Not complete a DD Form 1547.

# 215.404-75 Fee requirements for FFRDCs.

For nonprofit organizations that are FFRDCs, the contracting officer—

- (a) Should consider whether any fee is appropriate. Considerations shall include the FFRDC's—
- (1) Proportion of retained earnings (as established under generally accepted accounting methods) that relates to DoD contracted effort;
  - (2) Facilities capital acquisition plans;
  - (3) Working capital funding as assessed on operating cycle cash needs; and

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- (4) Provision for funding unreimbursed costs deemed ordinary and necessary to the FFRDC.
- (b) Shall, when a fee is considered appropriate, establish the fee objective in accordance with FFRDC fee policies in the DoD FFRDC Management Plan.
- (c) Shall not use the weighted guidelines method or an alternate structured approach.

### 215.404-76 Reporting profit and fee statistics.

Follow the procedures at PGI 215.404-76 for reporting profit and fee statistics.

### 215.406-1 Prenegotiation objectives.

Follow the procedures at PGI 215.406-1 for establishing prenegotiation objectives.

#### 215.406-3 Documenting the negotiation.

Follow the procedures at PGI 215.406-3 for documenting the negotiation.

#### 215.407-2 Make-or-buy programs.

- (e) Program requirements.
  - (1) Items and work included. The minimum dollar amount is \$1 million.

#### 215.407-3 Forward pricing rate agreements.

- (b)(i) Use forward pricing rate agreement (FPRA) rates when such rates are available, unless waived on a case-by-case basis by the head of the contracting activity.
  - (ii) Advise the ACO of each case waived.
  - (iii) Contact the ACO for questions on FPRAs or recommended rates.

#### 215.407-4 Should-cost review.

See PGI 215.407-4 for guidance on determining whether to perform a program or overhead should-cost review.

#### 215.407-5 Estimating systems.

## 215.407-5-70 Disclosure, maintenance, and review requirements.

- (a) Definitions.
- (1) "Acceptable estimating system" is defined in the clause at 252.215-7002, Cost Estimating System Requirements.
  - (2) "Contractor" means a business unit as defined in FAR 2.101.
- (3) "Estimating system" is as defined in the clause at 252.215-7002, Cost Estimating System Requirements.

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(4) "Significant estimating system deficiency" means a shortcoming in the estimating system that is likely to consistently result in proposal estimates for total cost or a major cost element(s) that do not provide an acceptable basis for negotiation of fair and reasonable prices.

#### (b) Applicability.

- (1) DoD policy is that all contractors have acceptable estimating systems that consistently produce well-supported proposals that are acceptable as a basis for negotiation of fair and reasonable prices.
- (2) A large business contractor is subject to estimating system disclosure, maintenance, and review requirements if—
- (i) In its preceding fiscal year, the contractor received DoD prime contracts or subcontracts totaling \$50 million or more for which cost or pricing data were required; or
- (ii) In its preceding fiscal year, the contractor received DoD prime contracts or subcontracts totaling \$10 million or more (but less than \$50 million) for which cost or pricing data were required and the contracting officer, with concurrence or at the request of the ACO, determines it to be in the best interest of the Government (e.g., significant estimating problems are believed to exist or the contractor's sales are predominantly Government).

#### (c) Responsibilities.

- (1) The contracting officer shall—
- (i) Through use of the clause at 252.215-7002, Cost Estimating System Requirements, apply the disclosure, maintenance, and review requirements to large business contractors meeting the criteria in paragraph (b)(2)(i) of this subsection;
- (ii) Consider whether to apply the disclosure, maintenance, and review requirements to large business contractors under paragraph (b)(2)(ii) of this subsection; and
- (iii) Not apply the disclosure, maintenance, and review requirements to other than large business contractors.
- (2) The cognizant ACO, for contractors subject to paragraph (b)(2) of this subsection, shall—
  - (i) Determine the acceptability of the disclosure and system; and
  - (ii) Pursue correction of any deficiencies.
- (3) The cognizant auditor, on behalf of the ACO, serves as team leader in conducting estimating system reviews.
- (4) A contractor subject to estimating system disclosure, maintenance, and review requirements shall—

- (i) Maintain an acceptable system;
- (ii) Describe its system to the ACO;
- (iii) Provide timely notice of changes in the system; and
- (iv) Correct system deficiencies identified by the ACO.
- (d) Characteristics of an acceptable estimating system.
- (1) <u>General</u>. An acceptable system should provide for the use of appropriate source data, utilize sound estimating techniques and good judgment, maintain a consistent approach, and adhere to established policies and procedures.
- (2) <u>Evaluation</u>. In evaluating the acceptability of a contractor's estimating system, the ACO should consider whether the contractor's estimating system, for example—
- (i) Establishes clear responsibility for preparation, review, and approval of cost estimates;
- (ii) Provides a written description of the organization and duties of the personnel responsible for preparing, reviewing, and approving cost estimates;
- (iii) Assures that relevant personnel have sufficient training, experience, and guidance to perform estimating tasks in accordance with the contractor's established procedures;
- (iv) Identifies the sources of data and the estimating methods and rationale used in developing cost estimates;
  - (v) Provides for appropriate supervision throughout the estimating process;
  - (vi) Provides for consistent application of estimating techniques;
  - (vii) Provides for detection and timely correction of errors;
  - (viii) Protects against cost duplication and omissions;
- (ix) Provides for the use of historical experience, including historical vendor pricing information, where appropriate;
  - (x) Requires use of appropriate analytical methods;
- (xi) Integrates information available from other management systems, where appropriate;
- (xii) Requires management review including verification that the company's estimating policies, procedures, and practices comply with this regulation;

- (xiii) Provides for internal review of and accountability for the acceptability of the estimating system, including the comparison of projected results to actual results and an analysis of any differences;
- (xiv) Provides procedures to update cost estimates in a timely manner throughout the negotiation process; and
- (xv) Addresses responsibility for review and analysis of the reasonableness of subcontract prices.
- (3) <u>Indicators of potentially significant estimating deficiencies</u>. The following examples indicate conditions that may produce or lead to significant estimating deficiencies—
- (i) Failure to ensure that historical experience is available to and utilized by cost estimators, where appropriate;
- (ii) Continuing failure to analyze material costs or failure to perform subcontractor cost reviews as required;
- (iii) Consistent absence of analytical support for significant proposed cost amounts;
- (iv) Excessive reliance on individual personal judgment where historical experience or commonly utilized standards are available;
- (v) Recurring significant defective pricing findings within the same cost element(s);
- (vi) Failure to integrate relevant parts of other management systems (e.g., production control or cost accounting) with the estimating system so that the ability to generate reliable cost estimates is impaired; and
- (vii) Failure to provide established policies, procedures, and practices to persons responsible for preparing and supporting estimates.
- (e) *Review procedures*. Follow the procedures at PGI 215.407-5-70(e) for establishing and conducting estimating system reviews.
- (f) Disposition of survey team findings. Follow the procedures at PGI 215.407-5-70(f) for disposition of the survey team findings.
  - (g) Impact of estimating system deficiencies on specific proposals.
- (1) Field pricing teams will discuss identified estimating system deficiencies and their impact in all reports on contractor proposals until the deficiencies are resolved.
- (2) The contracting officer responsible for negotiation of a proposal generated by an estimating system with an identified deficiency shall evaluate whether the deficiency impacts the negotiations. If it does not, the contracting officer should proceed

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with negotiations. If it does, the contracting officer should consider other alternatives, e.g.—

- (i) Allowing the contractor additional time to correct the estimating system deficiency and submit a corrected proposal;
  - (ii) Considering another type of contract, e.g., FPIF instead of FFP;
- (iii) Using additional cost analysis techniques to determine the reasonableness of the cost elements affected by the system's deficiency;
  - (iv) Segregating the questionable areas as a cost reimbursable line item;
  - (v) Reducing the negotiation objective for profit or fee; or
- (vi) Including a contract (reopener) clause that provides for adjustment of the contract amount after award.
- (3) The contracting officer who incorporates a reopener clause into the contract is responsible for negotiating price adjustments required by the clause. Any reopener clause necessitated by an estimating deficiency should—
- (i) Clearly identify the amounts and items that are in question at the time of negotiation;
- (ii) Indicate a specific time or subsequent event by which the contractor will submit a supplemental proposal, including cost or pricing data, identifying the cost impact adjustment necessitated by the deficient estimating system;
- (iii) Provide for the contracting officer to unilaterally adjust the contract price if the contractor fails to submit the supplemental proposal; and
- (iv) Provide that failure of the Government and the contractor to agree to the price adjustment shall be a dispute under the Disputes clause.

#### 215.408 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

- (1) Use the clause at 252.215-7000, Pricing Adjustments, in solicitations and contracts that contain the clause at—
- (i) FAR 52.215-11, Price Reduction for Defective Cost or Pricing Data--Modifications;
  - (ii) FAR 52.215-12, Subcontractor Cost or Pricing Data; or
  - (iii) FAR 52.215-13, Subcontractor Cost or Pricing Data--Modifications.
- (2) Use the clause at 252.215-7002, Cost Estimating System Requirements, in all solicitations and contracts to be awarded on the basis of cost or pricing data.

# 215.470 Estimated data prices.

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- (a) DoD requires estimates of the prices of data in order to evaluate the cost to the Government of data items in terms of their management, product, or engineering value.
- (b) When data are required to be delivered under a contract, include DD Form 1423, Contract Data Requirements List, in the solicitation. See PGI 215.470(b) for guidance on the use of DD Form 1423.
- (c) The contracting officer shall ensure that the contract does not include a requirement for data that the contractor has delivered or is obligated to deliver to the Government under another contract or subcontract, and that the successful offeror identifies any such data required by the solicitation. However, where duplicate data are desired, the contract price shall include the costs of duplication, but not of preparation, of such data.

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#### 230.201-5 Waiver.

- (a)(1)(A) The military departments and the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics)—
- (1) May grant CAS waivers that meet the conditions in FAR 30.201-5(b)(1); and
- (2) May grant CAS waivers that meet the conditions in FAR 30.201-5(b)(2), provided the cognizant Federal agency official granting the waiver determines that—
- (i) The property or services cannot reasonably be obtained under the contract, subcontract, or modification, as applicable, without granting the waiver;
- (ii) The price can be determined to be fair and reasonable without the application of the Cost Accounting Standards; and
  - (iii) There are demonstrated benefits to granting the waiver.
- (B) Follow the procedures at PGI 230.201-5(a)(1) for submitting waiver requests to the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy.
- (2) The military departments shall not delegate CAS waiver authority below the individual responsible for issuing contracting policy for the department.
- (e) By November 30th of each year, the military departments shall provide a report to the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, ATTN: DPAP/CPF, of all waivers granted under FAR 30.201-5(a), during the previous fiscal year, for any contract, subcontract, or modification expected to have a value of \$15,000,000 or more. See PGI 230.201-5(e) for format and guidance for the report. The Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, will submit a consolidated report to the CAS Board and the congressional defense committees.

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#### SUBPART 232.71—LEVIES ON CONTRACT PAYMENTS

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#### 232.7100 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes policies and procedures concerning the effect of levies pursuant to 26 U.S.C. 6331(h) on contract payments. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is authorized to levy up to 100 percent of all payments made under a DoD contract, up to the amount of the tax debt.

# 232.7101 Policy and procedures.

- (a) The contracting officer shall require the contractor to—
- (1) Promptly notify the contracting officer when a levy may result in an inability to perform the contract; and
- (2) Advise the contracting officer whether the inability to perform may adversely affect national security.
- (b) The contracting officer shall promptly notify the Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP), when the contractor's inability to perform will adversely affect national security or will result in significant additional costs to the Government. Follow the procedures at PGI 232.7101(b) for reviewing the contractor's rationale and submitting the required notification.
- (c) The Director, DPAP, will promptly evaluate the contractor's rationale and will notify the IRS, the contracting officer, and the payment office, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedures at PGI 232.7101(c).
- (d) The contracting officer shall then notify the contractor in accordance with paragraph (c) of the clause at 252.232-7010 and in accordance with the procedures at PGI 232.7101(d).

#### 232.7102 Contract clause.

Use the clause at 252.232-7010, Levies on Contract Payments, in all solicitations and contracts other than those for micropurchases.

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## 252.215-7000 Pricing Adjustments.

As prescribed in  $215.4\overline{08}(1)$ , use the following clause:

#### PRICING ADJUSTMENTS (DEC 1991)

The term "pricing adjustment," as used in paragraph (a) of the clauses entitled "Price Reduction for Defective Cost or Pricing Data--Modifications," "Subcontractor Cost or Pricing Data," and "Subcontractor Cost or Pricing Data--Modifications," means the aggregate increases and/or decreases in cost plus applicable profits.

(End of clause)

#### 252.215-7001 Reserved.

#### 252.215-7002 Cost Estimating System Requirements.

As prescribed in 215.408(2), use the following clause:

## COST ESTIMATING SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS (DEC 2006)

(a) Definitions.

"Acceptable estimating system" means an estimating system that—

- (1) Is maintained, reliable, and consistently applied;
- (2) Produces verifiable, supportable, and documented cost estimates that are an acceptable basis for negotiation of fair and reasonable prices;
- (3) Is consistent with and integrated with the Contractor's related management systems; and
  - (4) Is subject to applicable financial control systems.

"Estimating system" means the Contractor's policies, procedures, and practices for generating estimates of costs and other data included in proposals submitted to customers in the expectation of receiving contract awards. Estimating system includes the Contractor's—

- (1) Organizational structure;
- (2) Established lines of authority, duties, and responsibilities;
- (3) Internal controls and managerial reviews;
- (4) Flow of work, coordination, and communication; and
- (5) Estimating methods, techniques, accumulation of historical costs, and other analyses used to generate cost estimates.

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- (b) *General*. The Contractor shall establish, maintain, and comply with an acceptable estimating system.
- (c) *Applicability*. Paragraphs (d) and (e) of this clause apply if the Contractor is a large business and either—
- (1) In its fiscal year preceding award of this contract, received Department of Defense (DoD) prime contracts or subcontracts, totaling \$50 million or more for which cost or pricing data were required; or
  - (2) In its fiscal year preceding award of this contract—
- (i) Received DoD prime contracts or subcontracts totaling \$10 million or more (but less than \$50 million) for which cost or pricing data were required; and
- (ii) Was notified in writing by the Contracting Officer that paragraphs (d) and (e) of this clause apply.
  - (d) System requirements.
- (1) The Contractor shall disclose its estimating system to the Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) in writing. If the Contractor wishes the Government to protect the information as privileged or confidential, the Contractor must mark the documents with the appropriate legends before submission.
- (2) An estimating system disclosure is acceptable when the Contractor has provided the ACO with documentation that—
- (i) Accurately describes those policies, procedures, and practices that the Contractor currently uses in preparing cost proposals; and
- (ii) Provides sufficient detail for the Government to reasonably make an informed judgment regarding the acceptability of the Contractor's estimating practices.
  - (3) The Contractor shall—
    - (i) Comply with its disclosed estimating system; and
- (ii) Disclose significant changes to the cost estimating system to the ACO on a timely basis.
  - (e) Estimating system deficiencies.
- (1) The Contractor shall respond to a written report from the Government that identifies deficiencies in the Contractor's estimating system as follows:
- (i) If the Contractor agrees with the report findings and recommendations, the Contractor shall—
  - (A) Within 30 days, state its agreement in writing; and

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- (B) Within 60 days, correct the deficiencies or submit a corrective action plan showing proposed milestones and actions leading to elimination of the deficiencies.
- (ii) If the Contractor disagrees with the report, the Contractor shall, within 30 days, state its rationale for disagreeing.
- (2) The ACO will evaluate the Contractor's response and notify the Contractor of the determination concerning remaining deficiencies and/or the adequacy of any proposed or completed corrective action.

(End of clause)

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#### 252.232-7000 Advance Payment Pool.

As prescribed in 232.412-70(a), use the following clause:

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- (b) Payments made in accordance with this clause shall be governed by the terms and conditions of the Advance Payment Pool Agreement between the United States of America and (<u>insert the name of the contractor</u>). The Agreement is incorporated in the contract by reference.

(End of clause)

### 252.232-7001 Disposition of Payments.

As prescribed in 232.412-70(b), use the following clause:

#### DISPOSITION OF PAYMENTS (DEC 1991)

Payment will be by a dual payee Treasury check made payable to the contractor or the (insert the name of the disbursing office in the advance payment pool agreement), and will be forwarded to that disbursing office for appropriate disposition.

(End of clause)

# **252.232-7002** Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions. As prescribed in 232.502-4-70(a), use the following clause:

# PROGRESS PAYMENTS FOR FOREIGN MILITARY SALES ACQUISITIONS (DEC 1991)

If this contract includes foreign military sales (FMS) requirements, the Contractor shall—

- (a) Submit a separate progress payment request for each progress payment rate; and
  - (b) Submit a supporting schedule showing—
    - (1) The amount of each request distributed to each country's requirements; and
- (2) Total price per contract line item applicable to each separate progress payment rate.
- (c) Identify in each progress payment request the contract requirements to which it applies (i.e., FMS or U.S.);

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- (d) Calculate each request on the basis of the prices, costs (including costs to complete), subcontractor progress payments, and progress payment liquidations of the contract requirements to which it applies; and
- (e) Distribute costs among contract line items and countries in a manner acceptable to the Administrative Contracting Officer.

(End of clause)

# 252.232-7003 Electronic Submission of Payment Requests.

As prescribed in 232.7004, use the following clause:

### ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION OF PAYMENT REQUESTS (MAY 2006)

- (a) Definitions. As used in this clause—
- (1) "Contract financing payment" and "invoice payment" have the meanings given in section 32.001 of the Federal Acquisition Regulation.
- (2) "Electronic form" means any automated system that transmits information electronically from the initiating system to all affected systems. Facsimile, e-mail, and scanned documents are not acceptable electronic forms for submission of payment requests. However, scanned documents are acceptable when they are part of a submission of a payment request made using one of the electronic forms provided for in paragraph (b) of this clause.
- (3) "Payment request" means any request for contract financing payment or invoice payment submitted by the Contractor under this contract.
- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this clause, the Contractor shall submit payment requests using one of the following electronic forms:
- (1) Wide Area WorkFlow-Receipt and Acceptance (WAWF-RA). Information regarding WAWF-RA is available on the Internet at <a href="https://wwwf.eb.mil">https://wwwf.eb.mil</a>.
- (2) Web Invoicing System (WInS). Information regarding WInS is available on the Internet at https://ecweb.dfas.mil.
- (3) American National Standards Institute (ANSI) X.12 electronic data interchange (EDI) formats.
- (i) Information regarding EDI formats is available on the Internet at <a href="http://www.X12.org">http://www.X12.org</a>.
- (ii) EDI implementation guides are available on the Internet at http://www.dod.mil/dfas/.
  - (4) Another electronic form authorized by the Contracting Officer.
- (c) If the Contractor is unable to submit a payment request in electronic form, or DoD is unable to receive a payment request in electronic form, the Contractor shall submit the payment request using a method mutually agreed to by the Contractor, the

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Contracting Officer, the contract administration office, and the payment office.

(d) In addition to the requirements of this clause, the Contractor shall meet the requirements of the appropriate payment clauses in this contract when submitting payment requests.

(End of clause)

# 252.232-7004 DoD Progress Payment Rates.

As prescribed in 232.502-4-70(b), use the following clause:

### DOD PROGRESS PAYMENT RATES (OCT 2001)

- (a) If the contractor is a small business concern, the Progress Payments clause of this contract is modified to change each mention of the progress payment rate and liquidation rate (excepting paragraph (k), *Limitations on Undefinitized Contract Actions*) to 90 percent.
- (b) If the contractor is a small disadvantaged business concern, the Progress Payments clause of this contract is modified to change each mention of the progress payment rate and liquidation rate (excepting paragraph (k), *Limitations on Undefinitized Contract Actions*) to 95 percent.

(End of clause)

# 252.232-7005 Reimbursement of Subcontractor Advance Payments-DoD Pilot Mentor-Protege Program.

As prescribed in 232.412-70(c), use the following clause:

# REIMBURSEMENT OF SUBCONTRACTOR ADVANCE PAYMENTS--DOD PILOT MENTOR-PROTEGE PROGRAM (SEP 2001)

- (a) The Government will reimburse the Contractor for any advance payments made by the Contractor, as a mentor firm, to a protege firm, pursuant to an approved mentor-protege agreement, provided—
- (1) The Contractor's subcontract with the protege firm includes a provision substantially the same as FAR 52.232-12, Advance Payments;
- (2) The Contractor has administered the advance payments in accordance with the policies of FAR Subpart 32.4; and
- (3) The Contractor agrees that any financial loss resulting from the failure or inability of the protege firm to repay any unliquidated advance payments is the sole financial responsibility of the Contractor.
- (b) For a fixed price type contract, advance payments made to a protege firm shall be paid and administered as if they were 100 percent progress payments. The Contractor shall include as a separate attachment with each Standard Form (SF) 1443, Contractor's Request for Progress Payment, a request for reimbursement of advance payments made to a protege firm. The attachment shall provide a separate calculation of lines 14a through 14e of SF 1443 for each protege, reflecting the status of advance

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payments made to that protege.

(c) For cost reimbursable contracts, reimbursement of advance payments shall be made via public voucher. The Contractor shall show the amounts of advance payments made to each protege on the public voucher, in the form and detail directed by the cognizant contracting officer or contract auditor.

(End of clause)

#### 252.232-7006 Alternate A.

#### ALTERNATE A (DEC 2003)

As prescribed in 232.111(b), substitute the following paragraph (a)(2) for paragraph (a)(2) of the clause at FAR 52.232-7:

(a)(2) The Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) may unilaterally issue a contract modification requiring the Contractor to withhold amounts from its billings until a reserve is set aside in an amount that the ACO considers necessary to protect the Government's interests. The ACO may withhold 5 percent of the amounts due under this paragraph (a), but the total amount withheld shall not exceed \$50,000. The amounts withheld shall be retained until the Contractor executes and delivers the release required by paragraph (f) of this clause.

#### 252.232-7007 Limitation of Government's Obligation.

As prescribed in 232.705-70, use the following clause:

#### LIMITATION OF GOVERNMENT'S OBLIGATION (MAY 2006)

- (a) Contract line item(s) <u>\*</u> through <u>\*</u> are incrementally funded. For these item(s), the sum of \$\_\* of the total price is presently available for payment and allotted to this contract. An allotment schedule is set forth in paragraph (j) of this clause.
- (b) For item(s) identified in paragraph (a) of this clause, the Contractor agrees to perform up to the point at which the total amount payable by the Government, including reimbursement in the event of termination of those item(s) for the Government's convenience, approximates the total amount currently allotted to the contract. The Contractor is not authorized to continue work on those item(s) beyond that point. The Government will not be obligated in any event to reimburse the Contractor in excess of the amount allotted to the contract for those item(s) regardless of anything to the contrary in the clause entitled "Termination for Convenience of the Government." As used in this clause, the total amount payable by the Government in the event of termination of applicable contract line item(s) for convenience includes costs, profit, and estimated termination settlement costs for those item(s).
- (c) Notwithstanding the dates specified in the allotment schedule in paragraph (j) of this clause, the Contractor will notify the Contracting Officer in writing at least ninety days prior to the date when, in the Contractor's best judgment, the work will reach the point at which the total amount payable by the Government, including any cost for termination for convenience, will approximate 85 percent of the total amount then allotted to the contract for performance of the applicable item(s). The notification will state (1) the estimated date when that point will be reached and (2) an estimate of

additional funding, if any, needed to continue performance of applicable line items up to the next scheduled date for allotment of funds identified in paragraph (j) of this clause, or to a mutually agreed upon substitute date. The notification will also advise the Contracting Officer of the estimated amount of additional funds that will be required for the timely performance of the item(s) funded pursuant to this clause, for a subsequent period as may be specified in the allotment schedule in paragraph (j) of this clause or otherwise agreed to by the parties. If after such notification additional funds are not allotted by the date identified in the Contractor's notification, or by an agreed substitute date, the Contracting Officer will terminate any item(s) for which additional funds have not been allotted, pursuant to the clause of this contract entitled "Termination for Convenience of the Government."

- (d) When additional funds are allotted for continued performance of the contract line item(s) identified in paragraph (a) of this clause, the parties will agree as to the period of contract performance which will be covered by the funds. The provisions of paragraphs (b) through (d) of this clause will apply in like manner to the additional allotted funds and agreed substitute date, and the contract will be modified accordingly.
- (e) If, solely by reason of failure of the Government to allot additional funds, by the dates indicated below, in amounts sufficient for timely performance of the contract line item(s) identified in paragraph (a) of this clause, the Contractor incurs additional costs or is delayed in the performance of the work under this contract and if additional funds are allotted, an equitable adjustment will be made in the price or prices (including appropriate target, billing, and ceiling prices where applicable) of the item(s), or in the time of delivery, or both. Failure to agree to any such equitable adjustment hereunder will be a dispute concerning a question of fact within the meaning of the clause entitled "Disputes."
- (f) The Government may at any time prior to termination allot additional funds for the performance of the contract line item(s) identified in paragraph (a) of this clause.
- (g) The termination provisions of this clause do not limit the rights of the Government under the clause entitled "Default." The provisions of this clause are limited to the work and allotment of funds for the contract line item(s) set forth in paragraph (a) of this clause. This clause no longer applies once the contract is fully funded except with regard to the rights or obligations of the parties concerning equitable adjustments negotiated under paragraphs (d) and (e) of this clause.
- (h) Nothing in this clause affects the right of the Government to terminate this contract pursuant to the clause of this contract entitled "Termination for Convenience of the Government."
- (i) Nothing in this clause shall be construed as authorization of voluntary services whose acceptance is otherwise prohibited under 31 U.S.C. 1342.
- (j) The parties contemplate that the Government will allot funds to this contract in accordance with the following schedule:

On execution of contract	\$
(month) (day), (year)	\$
(month) (day), (year)	\$
(month) (day), (year)	\$

## (End of clause)

# ALTERNATE I (MAY 2006).

If only one line item will be incrementally funded, substitute the following paragraph (a) for paragraph (a) of the basic clause:

- (a) Contract line item \_\_\_\_\_ is incrementally funded. The sum of \$\_\_\* is presently available for payment and allotted to this contract. An allotment schedule is contained in paragraph (j) of this clause.
- \* To be inserted after negotiation.

# 252.232-7008 Assignment of Claims (Overseas).

As prescribed in 232.806(a)(1), use the following clause:

#### ASSIGNMENT OF CLAIMS (OVERSEAS) (JUN 1997)

- (a) No claims for monies due, or to become due, shall be assigned by the Contractor unless—
  - (1) Approved in writing by the Contracting Officer;
- (2) Made in accordance with the laws and regulations of the United States of America; and
  - (3) Permitted by the laws and regulations of the Contractor's country.
- (b) In no event shall copies of this contract or of any plans, specifications, or other similar documents relating to work under this contract, if marked "Top Secret," "Secret," or "Confidential" be furnished to any assignee of any claim arising under this contract or to any other person not entitled to receive such documents. However, a copy of any part or all of this contract so marked may be furnished, or any information contained herein may be disclosed, to such assignee upon the Contracting Officer's prior written authorization.
- (c) Any assignment under this contract shall cover all amounts payable under this contract and not already paid, and shall not be made to more than one party, except that any such assignment may be made to one party as agent or trustee for two or more parties participating in such financing. On each invoice or voucher submitted for payment under this contract to which any assignment applies, and for which direct payment thereof is to be made to an assignee, the Contractor shall—
  - (1) Identify the assignee by name and complete address; and
- (2) Acknowledge the validity of the assignment and the right of the named assignee to receive payment in the amount invoiced or vouchered.

(End of clause)

# 252.232-7009 Mandatory Payment by Governmentwide Commercial Purchase Card.

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As prescribed in 232.1110, use the following clause:

# MANDATORY PAYMENT BY GOVERNMENTWIDE COMMERCIAL PURCHASE CARD (JUL 2000)

The Contractor agrees to accept the Governmentwide commercial purchase card as the method of payment for orders or calls valued at or below \$2,500 under this contract or agreement.

(End of clause)

# 252.232-7010 Levies on Contract Payments.

As prescribed in 232.7102, use the following clause:

#### LEVIES ON CONTRACT PAYMENTS (DEC 2006)

- (a) 26 U.S.C. 6331(h) authorizes the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) to continuously levy up to 100 percent of contract payments, up to the amount of tax debt.
- (b) When a levy is imposed on a payment under this contract and the Contractor believes that the levy may result in an inability to perform the contract, the Contractor shall promptly notify the Procuring Contracting Officer in writing, with a copy to the Administrative Contracting Officer, and shall provide—
  - (1) The total dollar amount of the levy;
- (2) A statement that the Contractor believes that the levy may result in an inability to perform the contract, including rationale and adequate supporting documentation; and
- (3) Advice as to whether the inability to perform may adversely affect national security, including rationale and adequate supporting documentation.
- (c) DoD shall promptly review the Contractor's assessment, and the Procuring Contracting Officer shall provide a written notification to the Contractor including—
- (1) A statement as to whether DoD agrees that the levy may result in an inability to perform the contract; and
- (2)(i) If the levy may result in an inability to perform the contract and the lack of performance will adversely affect national security, the total amount of the monies collected that should be returned to the Contractor; or
- (ii) If the levy may result in an inability to perform the contract but will not impact national security, a recommendation that the Contractor promptly notify the IRS to attempt to resolve the tax situation.
- (d) Any DoD determination under this clause is not subject to appeal under the Contract Disputes Act.

(End of clause)

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253.215 Contracting by negotiation.

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