

Did you know . . . April 30, 2012

1... that "Multi-year contract" means a contract for the purchase of supplies or services for more than 1, but not more than 5, program years? For DoD, a multi-year contract requires the head of the agency approval. See FAR Part 17.1, DFARS 217.1 and AFARS 5117.171.

2... that the key distinguishing difference between multi-year contracts and multiple year contracts is that multi-year contracts, defined in the statutes cited at FAR 17.101, buy more than 1 year's requirement (of a product or service) without establishing and having to exercise an option for each program year after the first? See FAR 17.103.

3... that AFARS 5137.590-7(a)(6) addresses Multi-year contracts in the acquisition strategy for service contracts? Note that if your procurement is not "multi-year," the acquisition strategy should state it as such. Any discussion of option periods should be addressed under the Business Arrangements, AFARS 5137.590-7(a)(5).

4... that only new requirement packages received after Apr 19, when the PARC Policy and Compliance Office communicated the new policy to the field, must comply with the new IGCE substantiation guidance?

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