

Did you know . . . June 18, 2012

1...that a claim and an assignment of claims are two different things? A claim is a contractor written demand to the Government for payment of money under the Contract Disputes Act of 1978 (See FAR 33.2). An Assignment of Claims is to redirect payments to a third party made by the Government to a contractor under the Assignment of Claims Act of 1940, as amended (See FAR 32.8). Note that FAR 32.802 states the conditions required under the Assignment of Claims Act for a contractor to assign moneys due or to become due under a contract. For a complete definition of claim and assignment of claims, see FAR 2.101(b). (Thanks Attila!)

2...that acquisition planning is required for all acquisitions but an acquisition plan is required for some acquisitions? Note that a written acquisition plan is required for cost reimbursement contracts; acquisitions for R&D when the total cost of all contracts for the acquisition program is estimated at \$10 million or more; acquisitions for production or services when the total cost of all contracts for the acquisition program is estimated at \$50 million or more for all years or \$25 million or more for any fiscal year and any other acquisition considered appropriate by the department or agency. See FAR 7.102, FAR 7.103(e), and DFARS 207.103(d). (Thanks Maria!)

3...that an acquisition strategy and an acquisition plan cover similar elements but they are not the same thing? An acquisition strategy is required for services only, whereas an acquisition plan is driven by the acquisition estimated value and complexity. Note that in accordance with the ECC Acquisition Instruction (AI), they can be combined in one document for service acquisitions that equal or exceed \$50M for all years or \$25M for any single fiscal year and are below \$500M. For acquisition strategies, see AFARS 5137.590. (Thanks Jan!)

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