32.009-1 General.

(a)

(1) Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 3903(a), agencies other than the Department of Defense (DoD) *shall* provide accelerated payments, to the fullest extent permitted by law, with a goal of 15 days after receipt of a *proper invoice* and all other required documentation, if a specific payment date is not established by contract, to—

(i) Small business contractors; and

(ii) Prime contractors that subcontract with a small business concern, if the prime contractor agrees to make payments to the *small business subcontractor* within 15 days of receiving the accelerated payment from the Government, after receipt of a *proper invoice* and all other required documentation from the *small business subcontractor*, to the maximum extent practicable, without any further consideration from or fees charged to the subcontractor.

(2) Pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 3801(b), DoD *shall* provide accelerated payments, to the fullest extent permitted by law, with a goal of 15 days after receipt of a *proper invoice* and all other required documentation, to—

(i) Small business contractors; and

(ii) Prime contractors that subcontract with a small business concern, if the prime contractor agrees to make payments to the *small business subcontractor* within 15 days of receiving the accelerated payment from the Government, after receipt of a *proper invoice* and all other required documentation from the *small business subcontractor*, to the maximum extent practicable, without any further consideration from or fees charged to the subcontractor.

(b) This acceleration does not provide any new rights under the Prompt Payment Act and does not affect the application of the Prompt Payment Act late payment interest provisions.

(c) Agencies *may* use the Governmentwide commercial purchase card as a method of payment (see 32.1108) to facilitate accelerated payment, to earn refunds, and to reduce *invoice* processing costs.

Parent topic: 32.009 Providing accelerated payments to small business contractors and to prime contractors that subcontract with a small business concern.