5601.602 Contracting Officers.

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(a) Based upon the authority of the USSOCOM Head of Agency Contracting Authority, the DoP shall issue all contracting officer warrants for the command.

(1) Limited Warrants – Any limitations identified on the warrant are based on the individual contract action.

(2) HCD/FCO Chiefs ultimately, have responsibility to ensure that limited authorities are utilized appropriately to meet organizational needs and are in the best interest of the government

(b) The office of the contracting officer must be organizationally situated to minimize any potential for undue influence and protect contracting officers from intra-organizational pressure to perform improper acts.

(c) Personnel in other than the 1102 classification series are prohibited from being appointed or serving as Contracting Officers. This requirement is not waivable on either an individual or class basis.

(d) Commanders and others having administrative supervision over contracting officers must bear in mind that actions exceeding the authority of a contracting officer are not binding on the Government. Therefore, they shall not direct, or otherwise exert influence, upon a contracting officer(s) to take such actions.

- **5601.602-1 Authority.**
- **5601.602-2 Responsibilities.**
- **5601.602-2-90 Ordering Officers.**
- **5601.602-3 Ratification of Unauthorized Commitments. See DCG for required procedures.**
- **5601.602-3-90 Procedures. (Removed November 2018)**

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