MP5301.6 - CAREER DEVELOPMENT, CONTRACTING AUTHORITY, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Parent topic: MP5301 - Federal Acquisition Regulations System

MP5301.601 (a)(i) Department of the Air Force Approval Authority Matrices

Tables 1 and 2 consist of delegations (or retentions) of authority made by the Department of the Air Force Agency Head (HoA), Senior Procurement Executive (SPE), Service Acquisition Executives (SAEs), and Head of Contracting Activities (HCAs). The Tables do not contain authorities originally invested somewhere other than those positions (e.g., certain class deviations which must be approved by DPCAP). **Table 3** reflects the authority to enter into, approve, or terminate Grants, Cooperative Agreements, Other Transactions and Procurements for Experimental purposes—including the issuance of a warrant for such purposes.

TABLE 1 – SAF/AQ NON-SPACE SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS:

SAF/AQ is authorized to execute HoA, SAE, and SPE responsibilities for non-space systems and programs, including product support, unless otherwise noted in regulations or policy. For non-space systems and programs, including product support, SAF/AQC (Deputy Assistant Secretary (Contracting) or the Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary (Contracting)) is designated HCA. Documents requiring HCA approval by SAF/AQC shall be submitted through the SCO to the SAF/AQC Workflow. Approvals from SAF/AQ, SecAF, or DPCAP require coordination from SAF/AQC.

Packages submitted to SAF/AQ shall include an electronic Staff Summary Sheet (eSSS) in the body of the email or as an attachment (Word document only). Include any applicable documentation and list each attachment under “Tabs” on the eSSS using the exact electronic file name (e.g., ACE Acquisition Strategy) of the corresponding attachment. Changes recommended during the staffing process must be adjudicated by the contracting officer. Submit questions or concerns regarding processing packages that require SAF/AQ approval to SAF/AQC Workflow.

TABLE 2 SAF/SQ SPACE SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS:

SAF/SQ is authorized to execute HoA, SAE, and certain SPE responsibilities for space systems and programs, unless otherwise noted in regulation or policy. For space related systems and programs, the Director of Contracting, Space Systems Command (SSC/PK); the Space Development Agency (SDA) Director; or Space RCO (SpRCO) Director of Contracting are designated HCAs. Submit documents requiring HCA coordination or approval to the cognizant HCA workflow identified in DAFFARS 5302.101. Approvals from SAF/AQ, SAF/SQ, DPCAP, or SecAF require coordination from the HCA.

NOTE : Further Delegable Columns with “**No**” indicate retained responsibilities or those that are non-delegable or cannot be delegated further per regulation or statute. Further Delegable Columns with “**Yes**” require written delegations approved by the Delegated Authority reflected.

Table 3: AUTHORITIES

Authority to enter into, approve, or terminate Grants, Cooperative Agreements, Other Transactions, and Procurements for Experimental Purposes has been approved as shown in Table 3. This authority may be redelegated within the contracting functional chain of responsibility, in writing, under such terms, conditions, and limitations as may be deemed appropriate.

			TABLE 1 SAF/AQ NON-SPACE SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS AND SAF/SQ SPACE SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS; WHEN HCA IS SAF/AQC		**TABLE 2 SAF/SQ SPACE SYSTEMS AND PROGRAMS; WHEN HCA IS SSC, SpRCO, SDA** [AR1]	
Item	**Reference**	**Responsibility/Designee**	**Delegated Authority**	**Further Delegable**	**Delegated Authority**	**Further Delegable**
1	DAFFARS 5301.601(a)(i) DAFFARS 5301.603-1 DAFFARS MP 5301.603-90(a)	Authority to select and appoint contracting officers and terminate their appointments	SCO	Yes, for zero-dollar, SAT, $5M, and $25M warrants, to no lower than the COCO Yes, for unlimited warrants to no lower than the Deputy Director or Tech Director IAW DAFFARS 5302 definition of SCO	SCO	Yes, for zero-dollar, SAT, $5M, and $25M warrants, to no lower than the COCO Yes, for unlimited warrants to no lower than the Deputy Director or Tech Director IAW DAFFARS 5302 definition of SCO
2	DAFFARS 5301.601(a)(i)(A)	Authority to enter into, approve, or terminate Grants, Cooperative Agreements, Other Transactions and Procurements for Experimental purposes—including the issuance of a warrant for such purposes.	See Table 3	See Table 3	See Table 3	See Table 3
3	FAR 1.602-3(b)(2) and (3) DAFFARS 5301.602-3(b)(2)	Ratification of unauthorized commitments, subject to the limitations in FAR 1.602-3(c) at or above SAT.	SCO	No	SCO	No
4	FAR 1.602-3(b)(2) and (3) DAFFARS 5301.602-3(b)(2)	Ratification of unauthorized commitments, subject to the limitations in FAR 1.602-3(c) below SAT.	COCO	No	COCO	No

5	FAR 3.104-2(a) DAFFARS 5303.104-2(a)	Approves agency supplementation of 3.104 including specific definitions to identify individuals who occupy positions specified in 3.104-3(d)(1)(ii), and any clauses required by 3.104.	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No
6	FAR 3.104-3(c)(1)(ii) FAR 3.104-5(c)(2) DAFFARS 5303.104-3(c)(1)(ii) DAFFARS 5303.104-5(c)(2)	Authorizes the disqualified official to resume participation in the procurement or determine that an additional disqualification period is necessary. (See DAFFARS 5303.104-5(c)(2) when the disqualified official is the SCO or the HCA).	SCO	No	SCO	No
7	FAR 3.104-7(a)(1) DAFFARS 5303.104-7(a)(1)	Individual designated to review the information concerning the violation or possible violation and documentation supporting a contracting officer's determination that there is no impact on the procurement	Clearance Approval Authority; if the HCA is the CAA, then SCO. If there is no CAA, then COCO	No	Clearance Approval Authority; if the HCA is the CAA, then SCO. If there is no CAA, then COCO.	No
8	FAR 3.104-7 DAFFARS 5303.104-7(g)	The HCA may delegate his or her authority under FAR 3.104-7(a)(1)(ii) thru (f) to an individual at least one organizational level above the contracting officer and of General Officer, Flag, Senior Executive Service, or equivalent rank.	SCO, only if GO or SES; otherwise, SAF/AQC	No	SCO, only if GO or SES; otherwise, HCA	No
9	FAR 3.202 DAFFARS 5303.202	Determines, after notice and hearing, that contractor or representative offered or gave a gratuity to officer, official, or Government employee and intended, by the gratuity, to obtain a contract or favorable treatment under a contract; and determines amount of exemplary damages (between 3- and 10-times cost incurred by contractor in giving gratuities to person concerned).	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
10	DFARS 203.570-2(a) DAFFARS 5303.570-2(a)	Grants waiver in the interest of national security that the prohibition period described in Paragraph (c) of clause 252.203-7001 may be less than 5 years.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
11	DFARS 203.570-2(b) DAFFARS 5303.570-2(b)	Makes written determination that the prohibition period described in Paragraph (b) of clause 252.203-7001 may be more than 5 years.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No

12	FAR 3.602 DAFFARS 5303.602	Authorizes contract award to a Government employee or to a business concern owned or controlled by a Government employee and only if there is a most compelling reason to do so per FAR 3.602.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
13	FAR 3.704(a) and (b) DAFFARS 5303.704(a) and (b)	Shall consider the facts available and, if appropriate, may declare void and rescind contracts, and recover the amounts expended and property transferred by the agency in accordance with the policies and procedures FAR 3.704, where there is a final conviction for any violation of 18 U.S.C.201-224 involving or relating to contracts awarded by an agency. Should also consider initiating debarment proceedings in accordance with subpart 9.4 if debarment has not been initiated, or is not in effect at the time the final conviction is entered.	SCO	No	SCO	No
14	FAR 3.704(c) DAFFARS 5303.704(c)	Shall consider, in addition to any other penalty prescribed by law or regulation, declaring void and rescinding contracts, as appropriate, and recovering the amounts expended using the procedures at 3.705 (see 3.104-7), and recommending the initiation of suspension or debarment proceedings IAW subpart 9.4, where there is a final conviction, or HoA or designee determination, of an offense punishable under 41 U.S.C. 2105	SCO	No	SCO	No
15	FAR 3.906(c) DFARS 203.906(1) DAFFARS 5303.906(c)(1)	Takes required actions regarding reprisals as prohibited by 203.903 (10 USC 4701).	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
16	FAR 3.1104(b) DAFFARS 5303.1104(b)	Determines in writing that such action in FAR 3.1104(a) is in the best interest of the Government (HCA may impose conditions that provide mitigation of a personal conflict of interest or grant a waiver).	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No

17	FAR 5.102(a)(5)(iii) DAFFARS 5305.102(a)(5)(iii)	Makes written determination that availability of a solicitation through the GPE is not in the Government's interest.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
18	FAR 5.202(b) DAFFARS 5305.202(b)	Makes written determination after consult with Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration that advance notice of proposed contract action is not appropriate or reasonable.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
19	FAR 5.502(a) DFARS 205.502(a) DAFFARS 5305.502(a)	Approves the publication of paid advertisements in newspapers.	SCO	Yes, one level above CO	COCO	No
20	DFARS 206.302-1(a)(2)(i)(1) DAFFARS 5306.302-1(a)(2)(i)(*1*)	Determines if agency can enter into contracts for studies, analyses, or consulting services on the basis of an unsolicited proposal without providing for full and open competition.	SCO	Yes, no lower than COCO	COCO	No
21	FAR 6.302-1(d) DFARS 206.302-1(d) DFARS PGI 206.302-1(d) DAFFARS 5306.302-1(d)	Approves waiver to post request for information or sources sought notices when using J&A authority FAR 6.302-1.	SCO if GO or SES or MAJCOM SCO if GO or SES; otherwise, SAF/AQC	No	SCO if GO or SES; otherwise, HCA	No
22	DFARS 206.302-4(c) DAFFARS 5306.302-4(c)	Approves a document (DAFFARS prescribes use of International Agreement Competitive Restrictions (IACR)) that describes the terms of an agreement or treaty or written directions, such as a Letter of Offer and Acceptance, which have the effect of requiring the use of other than competitive procedures. J&A is not required.	CO	No	CO	No
23	FAR 6.304(a)(4) DAFFARS 5306.304(a)	Approves in writing the justification for other than full and open competition for proposed contracts over $100M.	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No
24	FAR 7.107-2(b) DAFFARS 5307.107-2(b)	Determines that consolidation is necessary and justified if the benefits of the acquisition would substantially exceed the benefits that would be derived from each of the alternative contracting approaches identified under paragraph (a)(2).	SCO	No	SCO	No

25	FAR 7.107-2(e) DAFFARS 5307.107-2(e)	Determines that consolidation is necessary and justified when the expected benefits do not meet the thresholds for a substantial benefit at paragraph (d)(1) of this subsection but are critical to the agency's mission success; and the procurement strategy provides for maximum practicable participation by small business.	SCO	No	SCO	No
26	FAR 7.107-3(a) DAFFARS 5307.107-3(a)	Makes written determination that the bundling is necessary and justified in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 644(e) after ensuring that conditions at (a)-(e) are met.	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No
27	FAR 7.107-3(f)(1) DAFFARS 5307.107-3(f)(1)	Determines that bundling is necessary and justified when the expected benefits do not meet the thresholds for a substantial benefit but are critical to the agency's mission success; and the procurement strategy provides for maximum practicable participation by small business.	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No
28	DFARS 207.470(b) DAFFARS 5307.470(b)	Approves D&F for acquisition of vessel/aircraft/vehicle through a lease/charter/similar agreement for 18 months or more.	SCO	No	SCO	No
29	FAR 8.404(h)(3)(ii)(C) DAFFARS 5308.404(h)(3)(ii)(C)	Approves D&F when the total performance period, including options, of a T&M/LH order is more than three years.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
30	FAR 8.405-3(a)(3)(ii) DAFFARS 5308.405-3(a)(3)(ii)	Determination (in writing) to award single-award Blanket Purchase Agreement with an estimated value exceeding $100 million (including any options).	SCO	No	SCO	No
31	FAR 8.405-6(b)(3)(ii)(C) DAFFARS 5308.405-6(b)(3)(ii)(C)	Makes written determination that access through e-Buy not in Government's interest.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
32	FAR 8.405-6(d)(4) DAFFARS 5308.405-6(d) DAFFARS 5306.304(a)	Approves the justification for limited sources under a BPA with an estimated value over $100M.	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No

33	FAR 9.202(a) DFARS PGI 209.202(a)(1) DAFFARS 5309.202(a)(1)	Is the designee referenced in FAR 9.202(a) (inclusion of other qualification requirements).	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
34	FAR 9.206-1(b) DAFFARS 5309.206-1(b)	Is the designee referenced in FAR 9.206-1(b) (enforcing qualification requirements).	SCO	Yes, no lower than COCO	COCO	No
35	DFARS 209.270-3(a) DAFFARS 5309.270-3(a)	Approves a contract for procurement, modification, repair, or overhaul of an aviation critical safety item with a source approved by the head of the design control activity.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
36	FAR 9.405(a) DAFFARS 5309.405(a)	Determines compelling reason exists to solicit offers from, award contracts to, or consent to subcontracts with contractor debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
37	DFARS 209.405(b)(ii)(A) DAFFARS 5309.405(b)(ii)(A)	Grants exemption permitting award to contractor that has violation of Clean Air or Clean Water Act.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
38	FAR 9.405(e)(2)-(3) DAFFARS 5309.405(e)(2)-(3)	Makes written determination of the compelling reason to consider bid received from, evaluate for award, include in competitive range or hold discussions with listed contractor.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
39	FAR 9.405-1(a)(1) DAFFARS 5309.405-1(a)(1)	Directs discontinuance of contracts or subcontracts in existence at time contractor was debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
40	FAR 9.405-1(a)(2) DAFFARS 5309.405-1(a)(2)	For contractors debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, makes written determination of the compelling reasons to place orders exceeding the guaranteed minimum; place orders under FSS, BPAs, or BOAs; or add new work, exercise options, or otherwise extend duration or current contracts or orders.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No

41	FAR 9.405-2(a) DFARS 209.405-2(a) DAFFARS 5309.405-2(a)	States in writing that compelling reason exists for CO to consent to proposed subcontracts with contractors debarred, suspended, or proposed for debarment, or that the Secretary of Defense has identified in SAM Exclusions as being owned or controlled by the government of a country that is a state sponsor of terrorism.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
42	FAR 9.503/ 9.506(d)(3) DAFFARS 5309.503 DAFFARS 5309.504(c)	Waives FAR 9.5 requirements -- Organizational and Consultant Conflicts of Interest (OCI).	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
43	DFARS 209.571-7(c)(1) DAFFARS 5309.571-7(c)(1)	Determines an exception to Limitation on Future Contracting in systems engineering and technical assistance contracts is necessary.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
44	FAR 11.103(a) DAFFARS 5311.103(a)	Require offerors to demonstrate that items offered have (1) either achieved market acceptance or been satisfactorily supplied to an agency under current or recent contracts for the same or similar requirements, and (2) otherwise meet the item description, specifications, or other criteria prescribed in the public notice and solicitation.	CO	No	CO	No
45	DFARS 211.274-2(b)(1) DAFFARS 5311.274-2(b)(1)	Determines the items are to be used to support a contingency or humanitarian or peacekeeping operation; to facilitate defense against or recovery from nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack; to facilitate the provision of international disaster assistance; or to support response to an emergency or major disaster and, therefore, contractor not required to provide DoD IUID.	SCO	No	SCO	No
46	DFARS 211.274-2(b)(2)(i)(A) DAFFARS 5311.274-2(b)(2)(i)(A)	Executes D&F that it is more cost effective for the Government to assign, mark, and register the unique item identifier after delivery, & item acquired from SB concern or is commercial acquired under FAR Part 12 or 8 for an ACAT I program.	PEO	No	PEO	No

47	DFARS 211.274-2(b)(2)(i)(B) DAFFARS 5311.274-2(b)(2)(i)(B)	Executes D&F that it is more cost effective for the Government to assign, mark, and register the unique item identifier after delivery, & item acquired from SB concern or is commercial acquired under FAR Part 12 or 8 for all other programs.	SCO	No	SCO	No
48	FAR 11.501(d) DAFFARS 5311.501(d)	Waives or reduces the amount of liquidated damages assessed under a contract if Commissioner, Financial Management Service, or designee approves (see Treasury Order 145-10).	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
49	DFARS 212.102(a)(ii)(B) DAFFARS 5312.102(a)(ii)(B)	If the contracting officer challenges an existing commercial product or commercial service determination, either confirm the prior determination was appropriate and still applicable, or issue a determination that the prior use of FAR Part 12 procedures was improper, or no longer appropriate, with a written explanation for the basis of the determination.	SCO	No	SCO	No
50	FAR 12.102(f)(1) DAFFARS 5312.102(f)(1)	Determines that an acquisition of supplies or services is to be used to facilitate defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack in order to treat the acquisition as an acquisition of commercial products or commercial services.	SCO	No	SCO	No
51	DFARS 212.207(b)(iii) DAFFARS 5312.207(b)(iii)	For any class D&F, approves written determination by the contracting officer to use T&M or LH for commercial services contracts.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
52	DFARS 212.207(b)(iii) DAFFARS 5312.207(b)(iii)	For an individual D&F if the base period plus any option period exceeds 3 years regardless of T&M/LH value, or if the T&M/LH value exceeds $10M, approves written determination by the contracting officer to use T&M or LH for commercial services contracts.	SCO	No	SCO	No

53	DFARS 212.207(b)(iii) DAFFARS 5312.207(b)(iii)	For an individual D&F if the base period plus any option period is 3 years or less & the T&M/LH value is less than or equal to $10M, approves written determination by the contracting officer to use T&M or LH for commercial services contracts.	SCO	Yes, no lower than 1-level above the CO	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO
54	DFARS 212.272(b)(2)(i) DAFFARS 5312.272(b)(2)(i)	For contracts above $10M, determines no commercial services are suitable to meet the agency's needs for facilities-related services, knowledge-based services (e.g., Advisory and Assistance Services excluding engineering services), medical services, or transportation services.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
55	FAR 12.302(c) DFARS 212.302(c) DAFFARS 5312.302(c)	Waiver authority for tailoring provisions and clauses for acquisition of commercial products and commercial services under FAR 12.302(c).	SCO	No	SCO	No
56	DFARS 212.7003 DFARS PGI 212.7003(a) DAFFARS 5312.7003(a)	Approves the written determination prepared by the CO prior to awarding a contract in excess of $100 million pursuant to a commercial solutions opening (CSO).	SCO	No	SCO	No
57	FAR 13.201(g)(1) DFARS 213.201(g) DFARS PGI 213.201(g) DAFFARS 5313.201(g)(1)	Determines that acquisitions of supplies or services are to be used to support a contingency operation; to facilitate defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack; to support a request from the Secretary of State or the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to facilitate provision of international disaster assistance pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2292 et seq; or to support response to an emergency or major disaster (42 U.S.C. 5122), which raises the micro-purchase threshold.	SCO	No	SCO	No

58	FAR 13.500(c)(1) DAFFARS 5313.500(c)(1)	To determine that acquisitions of commercial products or commercial services are to be used to support a contingency operation; to facilitate defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack; to support a request from the Secretary of State or the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development to facilitate provision of international disaster assistance; or to support response to an emergency or major disaster.	SCO	No	SCO	No
59	FAR 14.201-7(b)(2) and (c)(2) DAFFARS 5314.201-7(b)(2) and (c)(2)	Waives the requirement for inclusion of FAR clauses 52.214-27 and 52.214-28 in a contract with a foreign government or agency of that government.	SCO	No	SCO	No
60	FAR 14.407-3(e) DAFFARS 5314.407-3(e)	Make administrative determinations in connection with mistakes in bids alleged after opening of bids and before award.	COCO	No	COCO	No
61	DFARS PGI 215.300 (DoD Source Selection Procedures) 1.2.3 DAFFARS MP5315.3 1.2.3	Waives requirements of DoD Source Selection Procedures paragraph 1.2 for solicitations valued between $10M and $1B	SCO	No	SCO	No
62	DAFFARS MP5315.3 1.2.6.1	Allows for the use of price as the only evaluation factor for an acquisition valued over $50M	SCO	No	SCO	No
63	DFARS 215.371-4(a)(2) DAFFARS 5315.371-4(a)(2)	Waives the requirements at DFARS 215.371-2 for acquisitions in support of contingency or humanitarian or peacekeeping operations; to facilitate defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack; to facilitate the provision of international disaster assistance; or to support response to an emergency or major disaster	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No

64	DFARS 215.371-5 DAFFARS 5315.371-5	Waives the requirement at DFARS 215.371-2 to resolicit for an additional period of at least 30 days when only one offer is received as a result of a competitive solicitation allowing fewer than 30 days for receipt of proposals.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
65	Class Deviation 2022-O0005 Rev 1 DAFFARS 5315.403-1(b)	Determines certified cost or pricing data should be required based on past performance or other information specific to the award.	SCO	No	SCO	No
66	FAR 15.403-1(c)(4) DFARS 215.403-1(c)(4)(A) DAFFARS 5315.403-1(c)(4)(A)	Waives requirement for submission of certified cost or pricing data in exceptional cases.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
67	FAR 15.403-3(a)(4) DAFFARS 5315.403-3(a)(4)	Approves determination to make award without offeror submission of data other than certified cost or pricing data.	SCO	No	SCO	No
68	DFARS PGI 215.403-3(a)(6)(ii) DAFFARS 5315.403-3(a)(6)(ii)	Provides quarterly information within 25 days following the end of the quarter using Contractor Denials of Data Requests.	SCO	No	SCO	No
69	FAR 15.403-4(a)(2) DAFFARS 5315.403-4(a)(2)	Authorizes CO to obtain certified cost or pricing data for actions below the threshold in FAR 15.403-4(a)(1), provided the action exceeds the SAT.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
70	Class Deviation 2022-O0005 Rev 2 DAFFARS 5315.404-2	Determines that auditing of records should be required based on past performance or other information specific to the award.	SCO	No	SCO	No
71	DFARS 215.404-4(c)(2)(C)(*2*) DAFFARS 5315.404-4(c)(2)(C)(*2*)	Approves the use of the alternate structured approach for Profit (see DFARS 215.404-73).	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
72	DFARS 215.407-3(b)(i) DAFFARS 5315.407-3(b)(i)	Waives on a case-by-case basis, the use of forward pricing rate agreement (FPRA) rates when such rates are available.	SCO	No	SCO	No
73	DFARS PGI 215.407-4(c)(2)(B) DAFFARS 5315.407-4(c)(2)(B)	Requests an overhead should-cost review for a contractor business unit that does not meet the criteria found in DFARS PGI 215.407-4(c)(2)(A).	SCO	No	SCO	No

74	DFARS 215.408(2)(i)(A)(2) DFARS 225.870-4(c)(2)(ii) DAFFARS 5315.408(2)(i)(A)(2)	Approve determination (when contracting with the Canadian Commercial Corporation) that data other than certified cost or pricing data are needed in order to determine that the price is fair and reasonable.	SCO	Yes, no lower than 2-levels above the CO	SCO	No
75	DFARS 215.408(2)(ii)(A)(2) DFARS 225.870-4(c)(2)(ii) DAFFARS 5315.408(2)(ii)(A)(2)	Approve determination (when contracting with the Canadian Commercial Corporation) that it is reasonably certain that data other than certified cost or pricing data will be needed in order to determine that the price of modifications is fair and reasonable.	SCO	Yes, no lower than 2-levels above the CO	SCO	No
76	FAR 16.206-3(d) DAFFARS 5316.206-3(d)	Approves the use of a fixed-ceiling-price contract with retroactive price redetermination.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
77	FAR 16.401(d) DFARS 216.401(d)(i) DAFFARS 5316.401(d)(i)	Determines that the use of an award-fee contract is in the best interest of the government.	SCO	No	SCO	No
78	FAR 16.401(d) DFARS 216.401(d)(ii) DAFFARS 5316.401(d)(ii)	Determines that the use of an incentive contract is in the best interest of the government.	SCO	Yes, no lower than 1-level above the CO	COCO	No
79	FAR 16.401(e)(3)(i) DAFFARS 5316.401(e)(3)(i)	Designate the Fee Determining Official on an individual contract or class basis. This designation may be made by name, position, or function, without limitation.	PEO for PEO designated programs or SCO for all other programs	Yes	PEO for PEO designated programs or SCO for all other programs	Yes
80	DFARS 216.405-2(1) DAFFARS 5316.405-2(1)	Approves determination that a percentage of award fee available for the final evaluation be set below 40 percent.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
81	FAR 16.504(c)(1)(ii)(D)(1) DFARS 216.504(c)(1)(ii)(D)(1) DAFFARS 5316.504(c)(1)(ii)(D)(1)	Approves D&F to justify award of task or delivery order contract in an amount estimated to exceed $100 million (including all options) to a single source	SCO	No	SCO	No
82	FAR 16.505(b)(2)(ii)(C)(4) DAFFARS 5316.505(b)(2)(ii)(C)(4)	Approves the justification for exceptions to fair opportunity for a proposed order over $100M.	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No

83	FAR 16.601(d)(1)(ii) DFARS 216.601(d)(i)(A)(2) DAFFARS 5316.601(d)(1)(ii)	When the base period plus any option periods exceeds three years, determines that no other contract type is suitable before using a time-and-materials contract.	SAF/AQC	Yes, SCO may approve individual D&F within scope of class D&F (approved by HCA)	HCA	Yes, SCO may approve individual D&F within scope of class D&F (approved by HCA)
84	FAR 16.601(d)(1)(ii) DFARS 216.601(d)(i)(A)(3) DAFFARS 5316.601(d)(i)(A)(3)	Determines that a contract is excepted from approval requirements of DFARS (d)(i)(A)(1) and (2)	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
85	FAR 16.603-2(c)(3) DAFFARS 5316.603-2(c)(3)	Approves the determination of a reasonable price or fee if the CO & contractor fail to reach agreement.	SCO	No	SCO	No
86	FAR 16.603-3 DAFFARS 5316.603-3	Determines a letter contract may be used if no other contract type is suitable.	SCO	Yes, below $50M but no lower than the COCO	SCO if $50M or greater, COCO if less than $50M	No
87	FAR 17.105-1(b) DAFFARS 5317.105-1(b)	Enters into a multi-year contract (MYC) for supplies (DoD) if conditions at (b)(1)-(5) are met.	PEO for PEO designated programs SAF/AQC for all other programs	No	PEO for PEO designated programs HCA for all other programs	No
88	FAR 17.106-3(f) DAFFARS 5317.106-3(f)	Authorizes the use of a solicitation requesting only multi-year prices, provided that dual proposals are not necessary to meet the objectives in FAR 17.105-2.	SCO	No	SCO	No
89	FAR 17.106-3(g) DAFFARS 5317.106-3(g)	Approves the use of variable unit prices on multi-year contracts provided that, for competitive proposals, there is a valid method of evaluation.	SCO	No	SCO	No
90	DFARS 217.170(a) DAFFARS 5317.170(a)	Compares cost of MYC to cost of an annual procurement approach, using present value analysis; award only if MYC will result in the lower cost.	PEO for PEO designated programs SAF/AQC for all other programs	No	PEO for PEO designated programs HCA for all other programs	No
91	DFARS 217.170(b) DAFFARS 5317.170(b)	Provides written notice to the congressional defense committees at least 30 days before termination of any MYC.	PEO for PEO designated programs SAF/AQC for all other programs	No	PEO for PEO designated programs HCA for all other programs	No

92	DFARS 217.171(c) DAFFARS 5317.171(c)	Makes written determination before entering into a MYC that the conditions at (c)(1)-(3) are met.	PEO for PEO designated programs SAF/AQC for all other programs	No	PEO for PEO designated programs HCA for all other programs	No
93	DFARS 217.172(f)(2) DAFFARS 5317.172(f)(2)	Determines the conditions required by DFARS 217.172(h)(2)(i)-(vii) will be met by a multi-year contract equal to or greater than $750M.	SCO	No	SCO	No
94	DFARS 217.172(g) DAFFARS 5317.172(g)	Enters into a MYC for a weapon system pursuant to DFARS 217.172(g)(1) or advance procurement of components, parts, and materials necessary to manufacture a weapon system pursuant to DFARS 217.172 (g)(2)	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
95	DFARS 217.172(h) DAFFARS 5317.172(h)	Ensures that the conditions at (h)(1)-(7) are satisfied before awarding a MYC for a defense acquisition program that has been specifically authorized by law to be carried out using MYC authority.	PEO for PEO designated programs SAF/AQC for all other programs	No	PEO for PEO designated programs HCA for all other programs	No
96	DFARS 217.173 DAFFARS 5317.173	Enters into a MYC for up to 4 years (for supplies and services required for management, maintenance, and operation of military family housing) and pay for each year from annual appropriations.	PEO for PEO designated programs SAF/AQC for all other programs	No	PEO for PEO designated programs HCA for all other programs	No
97	DFARS 217.174(b) DAFFARS 5317.174(b)	Determines, on the basis of a business case analysis, that the proposed purchase of electricity from sources of renewable energy under such contract is cost effective; and it would not be possible to purchase electricity from the source in an economical manner without the use of a contract for a period in excess of five years.	SCO	No	SCO	No
98	DFARS 217.204(e)(i)(C) DAFFARS 5317.204(e)(i)(C)	Determines in writing that exceptional circumstances require an ordering period that exceeds 10 years.	PEO for PEO designated programs SAF/AQC for all other programs	No	PEO for PEO designated programs HCA for all other programs	No

99	DFARS 217.204(e)(iii) DAFFARS 5317.204(e)(iii)	Approves issuance of an order subject to 217.204(e)(i) if performance under the order is expected to extend more than 1 year beyond the 10-yr limit or extended limit described in (e)(i)(C).	PEO for PEO designated programs SAF/AQC for all other programs	No	PEO for PEO designated programs HCA for all other programs	No
100	FAR 17.502-2(c)(2) DAFFARS 5317.502-2(c)(2)	Approves D&F for an Economy Act order to obtain supplies or services by interagency acquisition when the servicing agency is not covered by the FAR.	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No
101	FAR 17.703(e) DAFFARS 5317.703(e)	Determine in writing that it is necessary in the interest of DoD to acquire supplies and services through the nondefense agency during the fiscal year, absent certification required by 17.703(a).	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
102	DFARS 217.7404(a)(1)(ii) DFARS 217.7404-1 DAFFARS 5317.7404(a)(1)(ii) DAFFARS 5317.7404-1	Approves Undefinitized Contract Actions (UCA), to include Foreign Military Sales & including requirements for non-urgent spare parts and support equipment in a UCA; or modifying the scope of a UCA when performance has already begun.	SCO	Yes, below $50M no lower than the COCO	SCO if $50M or greater, COCO if less than $50M	No
103	DFARS 217.7404(b)(2) DFARS 252.217-7027(c) DAFFARS 5317.7404(b)(2)	Approves unilateral definitizations by the Contracting Officer (in writing) for UCAs with a value greater than $50M.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
104	DFARS 217.7404(b)(2) DFARS 252.217-7027(c) DAFFARS 5317.7404(b)(2)	Approves unilateral definitizations by the Contracting Officer (in writing) for UCAs with a value of $50M or below.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
105	DFARS 217.7404-3(a)(1) DAFFARS 5317.7404-3(a)(1)	Determines in writing that extending definitization beyond an additional 90 days is in the best interest of the Government.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
106	DFARS 217.7404-5(b) DAFFARS 5317.7404-5(b)	Waives limitations of 217.7404(a) Foreign military sales contracts; 217.7404-2 Price ceiling; 217.7404-3 Definitization schedule; and 217.7404-4 Limitations of obligations, if necessary to support cont. ops or humanitarian/peacekeeping op.	HCA	No	HCA	No

107	DFARS PGI 217.7504(4)(ii) DAFFARS 5317.7504(4)(ii)	Authorizes reverse engineering.	SCO	No	SCO	No
108	DFARS 217.7505(b) DAFFARS 5317.7505(b)	Contracting Officer submits certification for a replenishment part price increase that increased by 25 percent or more over the most recent 12-month period to the appropriate authority.	SCO	No	SCO	No
109	FAR 18.125 DAFFARS 5318.125	Determines that the contracting process may continue after GAO has received a protest (See FAR 33.104(b) and (c)).	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
110	FAR 18.2 FAR 18.201 DFARS 218.271 DFARS 218.202 DFARS 218.201(2) DFARS 218.201 DAFFARS 5318.202 DAFFARS 5318.201(c)(2) DAFFARS 5318.201(c) DAFFARS 5318.201(b) DAFFARS 5318.271(S-90) DAFFARS 5318.271 Associated References FAR 2.101, paragraph (3) FAR 2.101 FAR 12.102(f)(1) FAR 13.500(c)(1) FAR 13.201(g)(1) DFARS 211.274-2(b)(1) DFARS 215.371-4(a)(2) DFARS 216.601(d)(i)(A)(3) DAFFARS 5311.274-2(b)(1) DAFFARS 5312.102(f)(1) DAFFARS 5313.201(g)(1) DAFFARS 5313.500(c)(1) DAFFARS 5315.371-4(a)(2) DAFFARS 5316.601(d)(i)(A)(3)	Determines that micro-purchases and simplified acquisitions of supplies or services (or the supplies or services themselves as applicable) are to be used in support of a contingency operation; to facilitate defense against or recovery from cyber, nuclear, biological, chemical, or radiological attack; to facilitate the provision of international disaster assistance; or to support response to an emergency or major disaster.	SCO	Yes, no lower than COCO	COCO	No
111	FAR 19.201(b) DAFFARS 5319.201(b)	Implements small business programs within their activities, achieve program goals, and ensure contracting personnel maintain knowledge of program requirements.	SCO	No	SCO	No
112	DFARS 219.201(c)(8) DAFFARS 5319.201(c)(8)	Assigns small business technical advisors to perform this function in accordance with DFARS 219.201(c)(8).	SCO	No	SCO	No
113	FAR 19.502-8(b) DFARS 219.502-8(b) DAFFARS 5319.502-8(b)	Renders a decision regarding the CO’s rejection of an SBA recommendation.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No

114	FAR 19.1305(d)(2) DAFFARS 5319.1305(d)(2)	Determines not to suspend action on the acquisition because urgent and compelling circumstances exist.	SCO	No	SCO	No
115	FAR 19.1405(d) DAFFARS 5319.1405(d)	Determines not to suspend action. Replies to SBA after receipt of a formal appeal from SBA concerning rejection of a set-aside for Service-disabled Veteran-owned Small Business.	SCO	No	SCO	No
116	FAR 19.1505(i)(3) DAFFARS 5319.1505(i)(3)	Issues a written determination on SBA's appeal of the CO rejection of SBA's PCR recommendation.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
117	FAR 19.1505(i)(3) DAFFARS 5319.1505(i)(3)	Makes a written determination that urgent and compelling circumstances which significantly affect the interests of the United States compel award of the contract.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
118	FAR 19.1505(i)(5) DAFFARS 5319.1505(i)(5)	Specifies in writing the reasons for a denial of an SBA formal appeal.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
119	FAR 22.101-1(e) DAFFARS 5322.101-1(e)	Designates programs for contractors to notify Government of actual or potential labor disputes.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
120	DFARS 222.101-3-70(b) DFARS PGI 222.101-3-70(b)(ii) DAFFARS 5322.101-3-70(b)(ii)	Submits impact reports on labor disputes to agency head when sufficient urgency warrants the attention of the agency head or when specifically requested.	SCO	No	SCO	No
121	FAR 22.406-13 DFARS 222.406-13 DAFFARS 5322.406-13	For construction contracts, submits Semiannual Enforcement Reports to the labor advisor.	SCO	No	SCO	No
122	FAR 22.504(d) DAFFARS 5322.504(d)	Exceptions to project labor agreement requirement at 22.503(b)	SCO	No	HCA	SCO
123	FAR 22.805(a)(8) DAFFARS 5322.805(a)(8)	Approves an urgent or critical award, without pre-award clearance from the Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs (OFCCP), if OFCCP cannot complete the evaluation by required date. Applies for contracts/subcontracts $10M or more excluding construction.	SCO	No	SCO	No

124	FAR 22.1802(d) DAFFARS 5322.1802(d)	Waives the E-Verify requirement for a contract or subcontract or a class of contracts or subcontracts, either temporarily or for the period of performance.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
125	DFARS 222.7003 DAFFARS 5322.7003	Waives the requirements of 222.7002 on case-by-case basis for national security.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
126	DFARS PGI 223.370-4(1)(i)(A)(2) DAFFARS 5323.370-4(1)(i)(A)(2)	Waives the mandatory requirements for safety precautions for ammunition and explosives.	SCO	No	SCO	No
127	FAR 25.101(d)(1) DFARS 225.101(d)(1) DFARS PGI 225.101(d)(1) DAFFARS 5325.101(d)(1)	Allows for application of an alternate domestic content test for a contract under which the domestic content threshold in effect at time of contract award will apply to the entire period of performance for the contract.	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No
128	FAR 25.103(a) DFARS 225.103(a)(ii)(B)(1) DAFFARS 5325.103(a)(ii)(B)(1)	Determines that domestic preference for foreign end product would be inconsistent with the public interest for acquisitions valued at or below SAT.	1-level above the CO	No	COCO	No
129	FAR 25.103(a) DFARS 225.103(a)(ii)(B)(2) DAFFARS 5325.103(a)(ii)(B)(2)	Determines that domestic preference for foreign end product would be inconsistent with the public interest for acquisitions with a value greater than SAT but less than $1.5M.	SCO	No	SCO	No
130	FAR 25.103(a) DFARS 225.103(a)(ii)(B)(3) DAFFARS 5325.103(a)(ii)(B)(3)	Determines that domestic preference for foreign end product would be inconsistent with the public interest for acquisitions valued $1.5M or more.	SAF/AQ for ACAT I Programs SAF/AQC for other than ACAT I Programs	No	SAF/SQ for ACAT I Programs HCA for other than ACAT I Programs	No
131	FAR 25.103(b)(2)(i) DFARS 225.103(b)(ii)(A) DAFFARS 5325.103(b)(ii)(A) DAFFARS MP5325.103(a)	Approves determination that an article/material/supply is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality for acquisitions valued at or below SAT.	1-level above the CO	No	COCO	No

132	FAR 25.103(b)(2)(i) DFARS 225.103(b)(ii)(B) DAFFARS 5325.103(b)(ii)(B) DAFFARS MP5325.103(a)	Approves determination that an article/material/supply is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality for acquisitions with a value greater than the SAT but less than $1.5M.	COCO	No	COCO	No
133	FAR 25.103(b)(2)(i) DFARS 225.103(b)(ii)(C) DAFFARS 5325.103(b)(ii)(C) DAFFARS MP5325.103(a)	Approves determination that an article/material/supply is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality for acquisitions valued at $1.5M or more.	SCO	No	SCO	No
134	FAR 25.202(a)(1) DAFFARS 5325.202(a)(1)	Determines that application of the restrictions of the Buy American statute to a particular construction material would be impracticable or would be inconsistent with the public interest.	SAF/AQ for ACAT I Programs SAF/AQC for other than ACAT I Programs	No	SAF/SQ for ACAT I Programs HCA for other than ACAT I Programs	No
135	FAR 25.202(a)(2) DFARS 225.202(a)(2) DAFFARS 5325.202(a)(2)	Buy American Exception. Approves determination that a particular construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality for acquisitions valued at or below SAT.	SCO	Yes, no lower than 1-level above the CO	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO
136	FAR 25.202(a)(2) DFARS 225.202(a)(2) DAFFARS 5325.202(a)(2)	Buy American Exception. Approves determination that a particular construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality for acquisitions with a value greater than the SAT but less than $1.5M.	COCO	No	COCO	No

137	FAR 25.202(a)(2) DFARS 225.202(a)(2) DAFFARS 5325.202(a)(2)	Buy American Exception. Approves determination that a particular construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality for acquisitions valued at $1.5M or more.	SCO	No	SCO	No
138	FAR 25.204(b) DAFFARS 5325.204(b)	Specifies a higher percentage than 20 percent that the CO adds to the offered price of any foreign construction material proposed for exception from the requirements of the Buy American statute based on the unreasonable cost of domestic construction materials.	SAF/AQ for ACAT I Programs SAF/AQC for other than ACAT I Programs	No	SAF/SQ for ACAT I Programs HCA for other than ACAT I Programs	No
139	DFARS 225.403(c)(ii)(A) DAFFARS 5325.403(c)(ii)(A)	Approves a national interest waiver for a purchase by an overseas purchasing activity if the product is critical for the support of U.S. forces stationed abroad.	SCO	No	SCO	No
140	FAR 25.603(a)(1)(i) DAFFARS 5325.603(a)(1)(i)	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Buy American Statute-Construction Materials. Approves determination that a particular construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality for acquisitions with a value at or below the SAT.	SCO	Yes, no lower than 1-level above the CO	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO
141	FAR 25.603(a)(1)(i) DAFFARS 5325.603(a)(1)(i)	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Buy American Statute-Construction Materials. Approves determination that a particular construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality for acquisitions with a value greater than the SAT but less than $1.5M.	COCO	No	COCO	No

142	FAR 25.603(a)(1)(i) DAFFARS 5325.603(a)(1)(i)	American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-Buy American Statute-Construction Materials. Approves determination that a particular construction material is not mined, produced, or manufactured in the United States in sufficient and reasonably available commercial quantities of a satisfactory quality for acquisitions valued at $1.5M or more.	SCO	No	SCO	No
143	FAR 25.603(a)(1)(iii) DAFFARS 5325.603(a)(1)(iii)	Determines that application of the restrictions of section 1605 of the Recovery Act to a particular manufactured construction material, or the restrictions of the Buy American statute to a particular unmanufactured construction material would be inconsistent with the public interest.	SAF/AQ for ACAT I Programs SAF/AQC for other than ACAT I Programs	No	SAF/SQ for ACAT I Programs HCA for other than ACAT I Programs	No
144	FAR 25.603(a)(2) DAFFARS 5325.603(a)(2)	Determines that application of the Buy American statute to a particular unmanufactured construction material would be impracticable.	SAF/AQ for ACAT I Programs SAF/AQC for other than ACAT I Programs	No	SAF/SQ for ACAT I Programs HCA for other than ACAT I Programs	No
145	FAR 25.603(b)(2) DAFFARS 5325.603(b)(2)	When a determination is made, for any of the reasons stated in FAR 25.603, that certain foreign construction materials may be used, provides a notice to the Federal Register within three business days after the determination of the inapplicability of Section 1605 of the Recovery Act is made, with a copy to the Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy and to the Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
146	FAR 25.1001(a)(2)(iii) DAFFARS 5325.1001(a)(2)(iii)	Executes D&F in accordance with 25.1001(b), that use of 52.215-2 w/Alt III or 52.212-5 w/Alt I will best serve interest of the United States.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
147	DFARS 225.7008(b) DAFFARS 5325.7008(b)	Waives restrictions on certain foreign purchases under 10 U.S.C. 4864.	SCO	No	SCO	No

148	DFARS 225.7021-3 DAFFARS 5325.7021-3	Determines that the disclosure requirements regarding use of facilities and employment of individuals who perform work in the People's Republic of China would not be in the national security interests of the US.	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No
149	DFARS 225.7501(c) DAFFARS 5325.7501(c)	Any time during the acquisition process, determines that it is not in the public interest to apply the restrictions of the Balance of Payments Program to the end product or construction material.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
150	DFARS 225.7703-2(b)(2)(i) DAFFARS 5325.7703-2(b)(2)(i)	Makes written determination that it is in the national security interest of the US to use a procedure in 225.7703-1(a) for products or services not limited to use by the military forces, police, or other security personnel of Afghanistan (individual action D&F with a value of less than $100M).	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
151	DFARS 225.7703-2(b)(2)(ii) DAFFARS 5325.7703-2(b)(2)(ii)	Makes written determination that it is in the national security interest of the US to use a procedure in 225.7703-1(a) for products or services not limited to use by the military forces, police, or other security personnel of Afghanistan (individual action D&F with a value of $100M or more, or to a class of acquisitions).	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No
152	FARS 26.203(b) DAFFARS 5326.203(b)	Determines in writing that transition to local firms is not feasible or practicable (individual or class basis).	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
153	FAR 27.201-2(e) DAFFARS 5327.201-2(e)	Approves to exempt U.S. patents from the patent indemnity clause.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No

154	FAR 27.306(a) DAFFARS 5327.306(a)	In contracts with small business concerns or nonprofits, approves and signs written justification allowing Government to require licensing to 3rd parties of inventions. May only authorize if (1) Use of the invention by others is necessary for the practice of a subject invention or for the use of a work object of the contract; and (2) Action is necessary to achieve the practical application of the subject invention or work object.	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No
155	FAR 28.105 DAFFARS 5328.105	Approves using other types of bonds when acquiring particular supplies or services.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
156	FAR 28.106-2(a) DAFFARS 5328.106-2(a)	Approves the use of a new surety bond during the performance of the contract.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
157	FAR 28.106-6(c) DAFFARS 5328.106-6(c)	Provides a certified copy of the payment bond and the contract in accordance with FAR 28.106-6(c); including determining the reasonable and appropriate costs the requestor must pay.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the CO	CO	No
158	DFARS 228.311-1 DAFFARS 5328.311-1	Waives the requirement for use of FAR clause 52.228-7, Insurance -- Liability to Third Persons.	SCO	No	SCO	No
159	DFARS 228.370(a)(2) DAFFARS 5328.370(a)(2)	Disallows the contractor to buy insurance for war-hazard losses. If so, the CO shall insert the clause at DFARS 252.228-7000.	SCO	No	SCO	No
160	DFARS 228.370 DAFFARS 5328.370(b)(3)	Refers to AFI 10-220/DCMA Instruction 8210-1D for the appointment of primary and alternate Government Flight Representatives (GFR)	SCO	No	SCO	No
161	FAR 30.201-5(a) DFARS 230.201-5(a) DAFFARS 5330.201-5(a)	Waive CAS applicability in accordance with the conditions at FAR 30.201-5(b).	SAF/AQC	No	SAF/AQC	No
162	FAR 30.202-6(b) DAFFARS 30.202-6(b)	Authorizes award of a CAS-covered contract w/o obtaining submission of the required disclosure statement.	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No
163	Class Deviation 2011-O0006 DAFFARS 5331	Waives the requirements of FAR 31.	SCO	No	SCO	No

164	Class Deviation 2011-O0006 DAFFARS 5331	Determine that incurrence of the Contribution in Aid of Construction (CIAC) tax is necessary to achieve the most beneficial business case for the Government and allowing the CIAC tax will result in significant benefits to the Government that outweigh the cost of allowing the tax.	SCO	No	SCO	No
165	FAR 32.402(c)(1)(iii) DAFFARS 5332.402(c)(1)(iii)	Determines, based on written findings, that advance payment is in public interest or facilitates national defense.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
166	DFARS 232.901(1)(ii) DAFFARS 5332.901(1)(ii)	Makes determination, after consultation with the cognizant comptroller, that conditions exist that limit normal business operations.	SCO	No	SCO	No
167	FAR 32.906(a) DAFFARS 5332.906(a)	Determines that (1) making invoice and contract financing payments earlier than 7 days prior to the dates specified in the contract is warranted in a specific case; or (2) use of accelerated payment methods described in 5 CFR §1315.5 is necessary.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
168	FAR 32.1106(b) DAFFARS 5332.1106(b)	Authorizes electronic funds transfer (EFT) for a non-domestic transaction if (1) the political, financial, and communications infrastructure in the foreign country supports EFT payment; or (2) payments of other than United States currency may be made safely.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
169	FAR 33.102(b)(3)(ii) DAFFARS 5333.102(b)(3)(ii)	At the request of the contractor, reviews agency records associated with a request for reimbursement of protest costs by the Government.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
170	FAR 33.104(b)(1) or (c)(2) DAFFARS 5333.104(b)(1) or (c)(2)	Authorizes contract award notwithstanding a GAO protest before award, or continued contract performance notwithstanding a GAO protest after award.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
171	FAR 33.104(g) DAFFARS 5333.104(g)	Reports to the GAO why their recommendations have not been followed by the agency not later than 5 days after the expiration of the 60-day response period.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No

172	DFARS 233.215(3) DAFFARS 5333.215(3)	Determines that continued performance is necessary pending resolution of any claim that might arise under or be related to the contract.	SCO	Yes, no lower than 1-level above CO	COCO	No
173	DFARS 234.004(2)(v)(B) DAFFARS 5334.004(2)(v)(B)	Waives the limitation at DFARS 234.004(2)(v)(A) that the CO shall not procure more than one lot for Low-Rate Initial Production (LRIP) associated with a major defense program.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
174	DFARS 234.7002(d)(4) DAFFARS 5334.7002(d)(4)	Determines the information submitted is not sufficient to determine the reasonableness of price for items developed exclusively at private expense.	SCO	No	SCO	No
175	DFARS 235.015-70(c) & (d)(3)(ii) DAFFARS 5335.015-70(c) & (d)(3)(ii)	Approves special use allowance for research facility acquired by educational institutions.	SCO	No	SCO	No
176	DFARS 235.070-1(a) DAFFARS 5335.070-1(a)	Approves requests for indemnification of unusually hazardous risks under 10 U.S.C. 3861.	AFMC/PK SCO AFLCMC/PK SCO	No	HCA	No
177	FAR 36.208 DAFFARS 5336.208	Approves concurrent performance of firm-fixed-price and other types of construction contracts at the same work site.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
178	FAR 36.209 DAFFARS 5336.209	Approves contract awards for the construction of a project to the firm that designed the project or its subsidiaries or affiliates	SCO	No	HCA	No
179	FAR 36.213-2(a) DAFFARS 5336.213-2(a)	Waives the requirement for pre-solicitation notices for proposed construction contracts expected to exceed the SAT.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
180	DFARS 236.270(a) DAFFARS 5336.270(a)	Certifies that the additional expenditures are necessary to protect the National interest AND establishes a reasonable completion date for the project (Approval to expedite the completion date of a contract funded by a MILCON appropriations act, if additional costs are involved).	SAF/AQ	No	SAF/SQ	No

181	DFARS 236.272(b)(1) & (b)(2) DAFFARS 5336.272(b)	(1) Authorizes the use of prequalification for urgent or complex construction projects; and (2) Approves the prequalification procedures of construction sources.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
182	FAR 36.301(b)(3)(vi) DAFFARS 5336.301(b)(3)(vi)	Establishes other criteria for use of two-phase design-build selection procedures.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
183	DFARS 236.303-1(a)(4)(i)(B) DAFFARS 5336.303-1(a)(4)(i)(B)	Approves determination to allow more than five offerors to submit phase two design-build proposals for acquisitions exceeds $4.5M.	SCO	No	SCO	No
184	DFARS 236.570(b)(2) DAFFARS 5336.570(b)(2)	Approves use of a separate bid item for mobilization and preparatory work.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
185	FAR 36.602-3 DAFFARS 5336.602-3	Oversees evaluation board functions for A&E contracts.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
186	FAR 36.602-4(a) DAFFARS 5336.602-4(a)	Makes the final slate selection for A&E contracts.	COCO - Refer to AFI 32-1023 Para. 4.3.3.6 for the slate selection authority for A&E services exceeding $1M per contract.	No	COCO - Refer to AFI 32-1023 Para. 4.3.3.6 for the slate selection authority for A&E services exceeding $1M per contract.	No
187	FAR 36.609-1(c)(1) DAFFARS 5336.609-1(c)(1)	Determines that, in fixed-price A&E contracts, cost limitations are secondary to performance considerations and additional project funding can be expected, if necessary.	SCO	No	SCO	No
188	DFARS 237.104(b)(iii)(A)*(2)* DAFFARS 5337.104(b)(iii)(A)*(2)*	Approves a proposed personal services contract for services to be provided by individuals outside the U.S. and directly supports defense intelligence components or special operations command. Services must be urgent, cannot be obtained by other means, and are supporting DoD activities or programs outside the U.S.	SCO	No	SCO	No

189	FAR 37.113-1(a) DAFFARS 5337.113-1(a)	May waive the 31.205-6(g)(6) cost allowability limitations on severance payments to foreign nationals that meet the conditions at 37.113-1(a)(1)-(2).	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
190	FAR 37.204(a) DAFFARS 5337.204(a)	Determines if sufficient personnel with the requisite training and capabilities are available within the agency to perform the evaluation or analysis or proposals submitted for the acquisition.	PEO for PEO designated programs SAF/AQC for all other programs	No	SCO	No
191	DFARS 237.7401(c) DAFFARS 5337.7401(c)	Determines the services being acquired under contract with the local government are in DoD's best interest.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
192	DFARS 239.101(1) DAFFARS 5339.101(1)	Determines no commercial products or commercial services are suitable to meet the agency's needs for information technology products or services in excess of the SAT.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
193	FAR 41.202(c)(2) DAFFARS 5341.202(c)(2)	Approves determination to pay the non-negotiated utility rates due to contract impasse.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
194	FAR 41.204(c)(1)(ii) DAFFARS 5341.204(c)(1)(ii)	Determines use of the area-wide contract for utility services is not advantageous to the Government.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
195	FAR 42.202(c)(2) DAFFARS 5342.202(c)(2)	Approves the delegation of additional functions to the CAO.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
196	DFARS PGI 242.7100(4) DAFFARS 5342.7100(4)	Approves the solicitation of voluntary refunds from a contractor.	SCO	No	SCO	No
197	DFARS 243.204-70-3 DAFFARS 5343.204-70-3	Determines in writing that extending definitization beyond an additional 90 days is in the best interest of the Government for UCOs with a value greater than $50M	HCA	No	HCA	No
198	DFARS 243.204-70-3 DAFFARS 5343.204-70-3	Determines in writing that extending definitization beyond an additional 90 days is in the best interest of the Government for UCOs between $5M and $50M	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No

199	DFARS 243.204-70-5(c) DAFFARS 5343.204-70-5(c)	Waives limitations of 243.204-70-2 (price ceiling); 243.204-70-3 (definitization schedule); and 243.204-70-4 (limitations on obligations) if necessary to support cont. ops or humanitarian/peacekeeping op.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
200	FAR 44.302(a) DAFFARS 5344.302(a)	Raises or lowers the $25 million contractor purchasing system review (CPSR) level if considered to be in the Government's best interest.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
201	FAR 45.102(e) DAFFARS 5345.102(e)	Determines installation or construction of Government property on contractor-owned real property in such a fashion as to become non-severable is necessary and in the Government’s interest.	SCO	No	SCO	No
202	DFARS 245.102(4)(ii)(B) DAFFARS 5345.102(e)(4)(ii)(B)	Determines contractor will not be required to tag, label, or mark items that are to be in support of contingency operation or to facilitate defense against/recovery from Nuclear, Biological, Chemical and Radiological (NBCR) attack.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No
203	DFARS 245.102(4)(ii)(C)(1)(i) DAFFARS 5345.102(e)(4)(ii)(C)(1)(i)	Executes D&F concluding that it is more cost effective for the Government requiring activity to assign, mark, and register the unique item identification after delivery of an item acquired from a small business concern or a commercial product acquired under FAR part 12 or part 8 for an ACAT I program.	PEO	No	PEO	No
204	DFARS 245.102(4)(ii)(C)(*1*)(ii) DAFFARS 5345.102(e)(4)(ii)(C)(1)(ii)	Approves a determination and findings concluding that it is more cost effective for the Government requiring activity to assign, mark, and register the unique item identification after delivery of an item acquired from a small business concern or a commercial product acquired under FAR part 12 or part 8 for all other programs.	SCO	No	SCO	No

205	FAR 45.301(f) DAFFARS 5345.301(f)	Approves use of Government property for commercial use expected to exceed 25 percent of the total use of Government and commercial work performed.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
206	FAR 48.104-3(a) FAR 48.202 DAFFARS 5348.104-3(a)	Determines if the cost of calculating and tracking collateral savings will exceed the benefits to be derived.	SCO	Yes, no lower than the COCO	COCO	No
207	DFARS 249.501-70(a) DAFFARS 5349.501-70(a)	Approves the use of 252.249-7000, Special Termination Costs in incrementally funded contract.	SAF/AQC	No	HCA	No

TABLE 3: AUTHORITIES [AR2]
See SCO Delegations or HCA designations memos for additional delegations

SCO	Grant Authority	Cooperative Agreement Authority	Other Transactions Authority	Procurements for Experimental Purposes
HQ AFDW/PK	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HQ AFMC/PK	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
HQ AFRC/A7K	No	No	No	Yes
AFICC/KF	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
AFOTEC/A7K	No	No	No	Yes
AFRCO/PK	No	No	Yes	Yes
SDA	No	No	Yes	Yes
SCC/PK	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
SpRCO/PK	No	No	Yes	Yes

MP5301.602-2 (d) Designation, Assignment, and Responsibilities of a Contracting Officer's Representative (COR)

The following are mandatory procedures (MP) for standardizing the Department of the Air Force (DAF) contracting process regarding designation, assignment, and responsibilities of a Contracting Officer's Representative. The assignment of a COR is not necessary when the CO retains or delegates surveillance to DCMA, or for one of the categories of services exempted in DAFI 63-138 Acquisition of Services . DoDI5000.72 requires COs to designate a COR for Construction contracts, unless the contracting officer retains and executes contract oversight responsibilities when the conditions of DFARS 201.602-2 exist.

In accordance with DFARS PGI 201.602-2(d)(v), contracting officers must designate a COR for all service contracts, and supply contracts with cost-reimbursable line items including both firm-fixed-price and other than firm-fixed-price contracts within 3 business days of contract award unless an exemption applies. See DFARS PGI 201.602-2(d)(v)(A) and (B) for exemptions.

1.0 Contracting Officer Roles and Responsibilities

1.1 As part of the acquisition planning process, the CO must determine the nature of the work/requirement (Type A, B, or C) as specified in DoDI 5000.72, *DoD Standard for Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) Certification*.

1.2 If the requiring activity has not yet initiated a COR nomination, the CO must initiate the Request for COR Support to notify the requiring activity of the need for COR(s) support and to prompt requiring activity nomination of a qualified COR via the Joint Appointment Module (JAM) (formerly CORT Tool) in Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (PIEE).

1.2.1 The Request for COR Support memorandum initiated by the CO should be routed through requiring activity (e.g., COR Supervisor, Functional Commander/Director (FC/FD)). See Enclosure 5 of DoDI 5000.72, Qualification Requirements for CORs and Enclosure 6 of DoDI 5000.72, Examples of COR Responsibilities and COR Certification Requirements. The COR must file the CO's Request for COR Support memorandum (if used) in the "COR Online File."

1.2.2 The CO must provide contract specific training (see paragraph 1.3.7). COR management is responsible for ensuring that any COR performing under a waiver pursuant to sections 1701-1764 of Title 10, United States Code completes all required training. New entrant and required DoD Component provided ethics (U.S. Air Force Annual Ethics Training for OGE Form 450 filers or DAU ACQ 00301 for non-OGE Form 450 filers) and combating trafficking in persons (CTIP) training may not be waived.

1.2.3 The CO shall perform, with participation of the COR and COR supervisor, a yearly administrative review of the COR's online file during the anniversary month of appointment, or more often, at the discretion of the CO. The CO shall upload the COR File Annual Checklist to the Surveillance and Performance Monitoring (SPM) (Formerly CORT Tool) in PIEE comprised of the minimum requirements of, COR-related documents necessary for the effective discharge of COR duties and responsibilities. The Checklist (available in SPM) shall guide the COR in populating the online COR File and serve as the basis for the CO to judge the accuracy and completeness of the

COR file during each review. 1.2.4

1.2.4 The COR Designation from the CO must also:

(a) Designate the COR (if required) as an Assessing Official Representation (AOR) supporting the CPAR process;

(b) Stipulate that the COR will be required to have access to the Synchronized Pre-Deployment &Operation Tracker (SPOT) (if required due to overseas deployment support); and

(c) Stipulate whether the COR will require access to the System for Award Management (SAM) to review the contractor's service contract reports.

1.2.5 Notification of COR designation should be provided to the QAPC.

1.2.6. Distribution of the fully executed COR designation must be made to the COR, COR Supervisor, Contractor, and Property administrator. In addition, notification must be sent to the local Judge Advocate General office or Office of General Counsel immediately upon the appointment of a COR designated as an OGE Form 450 filer, and annually by January 1st.

1.3 CO, Contract Specialist, or QAPC Led Training. The CO must ensure contract-specific training is scheduled and provided to the prospective COR, unless waived (see 1.2.2). The training may be conducted by the CO, Contracting Specialist, or QAPC, and must consist of the following at a minimum prior to contract award:

1.3.1 Duties/responsibilities to be delegated;

1.3.2 Importance of COR performance;

1.3.3 Personal conflicts of interest and potential conflicts of interest;

1.3.4 Unauthorized commitments;

1.3.5 Ethics/integrity in relationships with the CO, COR management (e.g., COR Supervisor, Services Designated Official (SDO), Functional Commander/ Directors (FC/FD)), and the contractor;

1.3.6 Discussion of the *Seven Steps to the Services Acquisition Process* .

1.3.7 Contract-specific training consisting as a minimum of the following:

1.3.7.1 A discussion of the contract (SOW, PWS, Specifications, etc.), and surveillance plan/QASP;

1.3.7.2 An awareness of any areas in the contract susceptible to fraud, waste, and abuse;

1.3.7.3 Creation, maintenance, and submission of all surveillance documentation and contractor performance assessment information required by the contract and applicable regulations;

1.3.7.4 How the COR can stay abreast of contract modifications;

1.3.7.5 How the COR can monitor contract fund status; and,

1.3.7.6 Joint CO and COR review of the “COR File Annual Checklist” to ensure mutual understanding of the level/quality of surveillance and documentation must be maintained in the on-line SPM file.

1.3.8 Refer to the Suggested Contract-Specific Training Syllabus template for conducting contract-specific training. The template may be tailored to fit your acquisition.

COR Performance and Appraisal

1.4 At a minimum, the CO and COR supervisor must review the COR's reports, files, and other documentation for completeness/accomplishment, on an annual basis.

1.5 The CO must provide an annual assessment, as a minimum, on the COR's performance to the COR supervisor. The assessment may be performed concurrently with the administrative review of the COR online file detailed in 1.2.3.

1.6 The COR must complete and upload reports to the SPM, as required, to enable the CO to review and approve/ reject reports in the SPM.

1.7 When the CO terminates the COR's duties (see Termination of COR Designation), a new COR can be nominated prior to terminating the former COR. The requiring activity must nominate a COR replacement via the JAM to ensure continuous contract monitoring by a qualified individual. Copies of the designation for the successor COR will have the same distribution requirements as the COR letter of designation.

1.8 When the requiring activity requests termination of COR designation, the CO must terminate the COR designation in writing (use of the "Smart Form" in the JAM is authorized). Include the signed Termination of COR Designation in the official contract file.

1.9 The CO must forward a copy of the fully executed Termination of COR Designation to the COR, COR Supervisor, Contractor, and as applicable, to the contract administration office(r).

2.0 COR Roles and Responsibilities

2.1 Register for JAM and SPM access through the PIEE e-Business Suite at https://piee.eb.mil/, and complete training to effectively perform duties in the SPM. Training includes a review the JAM and SPM Users Guide and FAQs, and if necessary, a request for additional training from a local Department Administrator (DA).

2.2 Provide information necessary to assess whether any actual or potential personal conflicts of interest with performing the responsibilities to be designated exist. Conflicts of interest determination will be reviewed again prior to contract award.

2.3 Participate, as requested, in annual CPAR procedures and contract close-out.

2.4 Remain abreast of changes to terms and conditions of the contract resulting from contract modifications.

2.5 Perform only those duties/responsibilities delegated by the CO in the COR Designation.

2.6 CORs may be designated as the Assessing Official's Representative (AOR) by the CO in the Contractor Performance Assessment Reporting System (CPARS) IAW the CPARS Guide. If designated as an AOR, the COR would be responsible for providing a timely, accurate, quality, and complete narrative for a report on the contractor's performance. If the CO requires the COR to have access to the contractor performance assessment reporting system (CPARS), the synchronized pre-

deployment and operational tracker (SPOT) or the System for Award Management (SAM), an account would be authorized and granted after COR designation.

2.7 If a Chief-Contracting Officer's Representative (C-COR) is appointed for a service contract pursuant to DAFI63-138,Acquisition of Services, Chapter 2, the C-COR must maintain the sole online COR file in SPM for the contract. When a CO appoints a C-COR and CORs on the same contract, the relationship shall be annotated on the COR Designation.

3.0 COR Supervisor

3.4 Conduct regular reviews of COR inputs into SPM, and follow-up as necessary, on the content, timeliness, and completeness of COR Reports, online files, and other COR-related documentation.

3.1 Register for SPM access via the Procurement Integrated Enterprise Environment (PIEE) e-Business Suite at https://piee.eb.mil/, and then complete training to effectively perform duties in the SPM. Training includes a review of the JAM and SPM Tool Users Guide and FAQs, and if necessary, a request for additional training from a local DA.

3.2 Review and approve (certify) or reject COR nominations in the JAM, when submitted by an assigned COR in the JAM and notified by a system-generated email that a nomination is "Awaiting Approval".

3.3 The COR Supervisor shall ensure that the COR completes and uploads COR Reports to SPM, as required, to enable the CO to review and approve/ reject reports in the SPM.

4.0 OGE 450 Determination and Processing

4.1 A COR must file an OGE 450 if determined to meet the criteria for filing a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450) as set forth in section 2634.904 of Title 5, Code of Federal Regulations, and section 7-300 of DoD 5500.07-R.

4.1.1 A COR need not be designated as an OGE 450 filer, IAW section 2634.904 of Title 5, if all of the following apply:

(a) The COR will NOT participate personally and substantially in any contracting process,

(b) The COR will NOT exercise substantial discretion, through interactions, decisions, or reports, that will influence the contractor's activities and result in a substantial economic effect on the contractor's interests,

(c) The COR's work and judgment WILL BE subject to "substantial supervision and review" by the CO & COR Supervisor, with final authority deferred to the CO for contractor direction and contract-related matters, and (d) The COR's actions will NOT cause any conflict of interest (real or apparent) between the interests of the COR and the government and/or the contractor

4.2 The COR must submit the completed OGE 450 directly to his or her supervisor and provide the information contained on the OGE 450 to the CO for review prior to submission to the local legal office by the required date.

5.0 Quality Assurance Program Coordinator (QAPC)

5.1 Train CORs and COR management [e.g., COR Supervisor, Services Acquisition Decision Authority (SADA), Services Acquisition Lead (SAL)] on the contracting requirements associated with the quality assurance program and any MAJCOM/FLDCOM/DRU/DAFRCO procedures prior to contract award. See paragraph 1.5 herein.

5.2 Assist the CO in providing contract-specific training (to include refresher training) to the COR (Reference paragraph 1.3 above) and ensuring required training is accomplished in accordance with DoDI 5000.72, DoD Standard for Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) Certification, 26 Mar 15.

5.3 Monitor the inputs and use of SPM for the assigned organization. This requires registration, training, and designation as a local JAM/SPM DA or Manager Role by all QAPCs. DAs/Managers provide functional, not technical support, and provide for the continued deployment of JAM and SPM for new users and for the support of existing users in the local organization, by performing three categories of duties:

5.3.1 GETTING STARTED:

(a) Advise or assist new users with initial JAM/SPM registration, or existing users with registration and profile updates, through the PIEE e-Business Suite platform;

(b) Activate new roles (if designated as a DA) and added roles (only if a DA) after verifying proper completion of the automated DD2875; and,

(c) Conduct JAM SPM training or provide training resources to users.

5.3.2 USER SUPPORT:

(a) Advise and assist on the functions & features of JAM/SPM;

(b) Use Administrator or Manager privileges to research, troubleshoot, and advise on reported functional issues;

(c) Refer users to the PIEE Helpdesk, when a reported issue involves accounts, errors, or technical support;

(d) Monitor records of all COR nominations, designations, and terminations of designations, to include COR's acknowledgement of their duties, by contract number and CO's name;

(e) Monitor records of all COR and COR management training, including refresher training regardless of provider (e.g., QAPC, CO, contract specialist, contract administrator, Defense Acquisition University, or commercial training provider)

6.0 Memorandum Templates and Contract Training Syllabus

Request for COR Support

Suggested Contract-Specific Training Syllabus

MP5301.603-90 Selection, Appointment, and Termination of Appointment of Contracting Officers

(a) Applicability. This MP must be used when selecting, nominating, appointing, and terminating contracting officers (CO) to maximize standardization across the AF. Warrants are issued in accordance with FAR 1.603, DFARS 201.603, 10 U.S.C. § 1724 , DODI 5000.66 , and this MP. Warrants may only be issued for the following values: zero-dollar (administrative warrant for accomplishing zero-dollar, administrative actions only), Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT), $5M, $25M, and unlimited. See MP5301.601(a)(i) for identification of the appointing official with the authority to issue and terminate Contracting Officer warrants.

For any DAF military members under administrative control (ADCON) of AFDW and assigned to non-DAF organizations (e.g. DAU, DCMA, DCAA, etc.), the AFICC/CC SCO will serve as the warranting authority.

The authority limitations of this MP do not apply to administrative terminations (for retirement or separation) or administrative documentation relating to warrant transfers. Authority to sign this documentation is delegable to no lower than the COCO, the Chief of the Clearance and Program Support Division, or Chief of Policy.

(b) Warranting. An individual selected for contracting officer appointment must be a military member in Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) 64PX or 6C0X1 or a civilian in the GS-1102 occupational series who occupies a manned authorization listed under these specialty codes/series, and complies with the requirements at DFARS 201.603-2 and this MP.

(c) Focal Point (FP). FPs must be designated in writing via the FP designation form and may be assigned unlimited or limited duties as indicated in the Warrant Process Focal Point Designation Form . Each SCO is responsible for appointing FPs and must designate at least one FP with full duties. SCOs may delegate authority to appoint limited FPs to the COCO. This authority is not further delegable. Follow the form instructions when appointing FPs.

(d) AF CO Warrant Tracking Tool. All warrants are entered into and tracked via the AF CO Warrant Tracking Tool (AFCOWTT). FPs obtain access to the AFCOWTT by submitting a copy of the Warrant Process Focal Point Designation Form to HQ AFMC/PK. Prior to obtaining access, FPs must request training on the use of the AFCOWTT by contacting HQ AFMC/PK, as applicable. FPs are responsible for entering all warrant data into the tool, and for uploading warrants (SF1402s) (and up to three past SF1402s), a copy of the Contracting Officer Test (COT) certificate, and the Contracting Officer Appointment/Warrant Eligibility Transfer/Termination Request (COWER). FPs also administer all other warrant actions and are responsible for maintaining current, accurate, and complete warrant data in the AFCOWTT, including ensuring that allmandatory attachments are uploaded for each warrant holder, including the SF-1402, the COT certificate, and a copy of the completed COWER. A new warrant threshold requires a new warrant number; If a new warrant is obtained (for example, someone’s warrant threshold is increased from $5M to $25M, or someone obtains an Unlimited Warrant where a Limited Warrant was previously held), a new Warrant Number will be assigned. The old warrant will be placed in an “Inactive” status and the new warrant with new Warrant Number will be created and set to “Active” status. A new warrant number is not necessary in the case of someone changing their official name with no change to their warrant threshold; administrative changes do not require a new warrant number.

(e) CO Warrant Nomenclature. All transferable warrants shall list “Department of the Air Force” on the ‘Organization’ and ‘Agency/Department’ lines of the SF1402. All transferable warrants are numbered as follows: the first two positions are “AF”, the third and fourth positions are the last two digits of the fiscal year (FY) in which the appointment is made, and positions 5-9 are obtained from the identification (ID) field of the AFCOWTT; for example, in FY21 an ID field number of 12345 would yield an appointment number of AF-21-12345. Current transferable warrants will be updated through attrition. All new non-transferable warrants will be numbered as follows: Organization-FY-XXXXX e.g., SSC-21-12499 for SSC; last 5 positions are obtained from the ID field of the AFCOWTT.

(f) Nominating Warrant Candidates. Warrant candidates are nominated by a candidate sponsor who shall be no lower than the candidate’s first level supervisor. Submit warrant nominations to the designated FP using the COWER.

(g) Contracting Officer Test. Candidates for warrants above the simplified acquisition threshold (SAT) must pass the two-hour timed, open book COT by achieving a minimum score of 80%.

(1) The COT is a proctored, computer-generated test containing 25 randomly selected true/false and multiple-choice questions from the FAR, DFARS, and/or DAFFARS. Each question is worth up to two points.

(2) During the COT, candidates are limited to the use of electronic regulations available via www.acquisition.gov and hard copies of the FAR and DFARS (free of tabs and notes); however, hard copies will not be provided. Notes and electronic devices are not permitted in the testing site. Use of email, instant messaging, or any other form of electronic communication is prohibited during the COT.

(3) Candidates must provide the correct answer and the correct, associated complete reference (e.g., FAR 15.401(a)(2)(i)(B)), in order to earn two points. If the candidate answers the question correctly but provides an incorrect reference, one point will be received. If the candidate answers the question incorrectly but the reference correctly, the candidate will not receive any points as this indicates a failure to understand the regulation. The COT is automatically and electronically scored.

i. If the candidate fails to pass the COT, the candidate may challenge missed questions and/or references in accordance with the Proctor User Guide only when approval of the challenge would result in a passing score. (NOTE: Access to the guide is restricted to warrant focal points.)

ii. A candidate who fails the COT may retake it if authorized by their immediate supervisor and space is available. If the candidate fails to pass the COT on the second attempt, the candidate may not retake the COT until a three-month waiting period has passed.

iii. Supervisors are authorized to approve a maximum of two continuous learning points per 12-month period for an individual who completes the COT, whether for a warrant request action or for training purposes.

(4) Practice COT: A practice test titled Contracting Officer Demo Test - C10979 was developed to help familiarize warrant candidates with the question structure of the COT. The practice test is available via the myLearning site. It is a non-proctored, 50-minute, timed test consisting of ten questions which are electronically and randomly selected from a 20-question pool. There is no limit on the number of times the practice COT may be taken. The completion of a practice test shall not be used as the basis for warrant eligibility.

(h) Warrant Boards. Warrant boards are reserved exclusively for warrants exceeding $25M and are used to further assess the candidate’s experience, qualifications, communication skills, and overall

demeanor.

(1) Warrant boards must be chaired by the appointing official or designee at a level no lower than:

i. Deputy Director or Assistant Director of Contracting;

ii. Technical Director/Assistant to the Director of Contracting;

(2) Warrant boards must have a minimum of five members, including the board chairperson, participating to constitute a quorum. Suggested board composition includes:

i. Contracting office supervisors;

ii. Representative from the staff judge advocate office;

iii. Competition Advocate;

iv. Clearance/program support procurement analyst;

v. Small business specialist/liaison;

vi. Supervisors/Directors/Deputy Directors from other disciplines; and/or

vii. Cost/Price Analyst

(3) Warrant board members may be held in person by teleconference, or video conference at the discretion of the board chairperson.

(4) The warrant candidate must correctly answer and/or discuss no fewer than 10 questions, seven of which must be obtained from the scenario-based AF question repository. To obtain access to the question repository, submit the Warrant Process Focal Point Designation Form to HQ AFMC/PK. The appointing official has the discretion to develop new questions(s) for the remaining three questions, which may be scenario- or knowledge-based. The board shall include questions that address PEO, Enterprise, and Operational portfolios, as well as pricing, fiscal law, contract law, legal, and problem solving.

(5) The appointing official (See Section a), in consultation with the board members, may appoint an unlimited warrant, a limited warrant, or none. Individuals awarded an unlimited warrant as a result of a warrant board shall not be required to sit before the board again, except in the case of a reappointment after a termination for cause (See Para. (s)).

(i) Unlimited Warrants. Unlimited warrants require a minimum of two years of contracting experience, a baccalaureate degree, successful completion of the COT and passing a warrant board. Additionally, unlimited warrant candidates, at a minimum, shall possess the DoD Contracting Professional Certification (Back-to-Basics) or legacy DAWIA Contracting certification. All unlimited warrants are transferable across the AF.

(j) Limited Transferable Warrants. Warrants limited by a monetary threshold are transferable across the DAF. A Limited Warranted CO shall not sign contract documents associated with award, to include RFPs and D&Fs, above the dollarized warrant limitation. Dollarized warrant limitations apply to all contract award documentation and to the value of the instant contract action a CO isexecuting. For example, if a CO holds a limited warrant of $5M and the contract award amount of the instant action is $6M, the CO is not authorized to sign the contract action.

(1) For zero-dollar and SAT limited warrants, contracting personnel (including purchasing agents in theGS-1105 series) must have at least one year of contracting experience.

(2) For $5M limited warrants, contracting personnel must have a minimum of two years of contracting experience, DoD Contracting Professional Certification (i.e., successful completion of the Contracting Certification Exam at DAU) or legacy DAWIA Contracting certification (Level I, II, or III), and have successfully completed the COT. Warrant boards shall not be convened for warrants within this threshold.

(3) For $25M limited warrants, contracting personnel must have a minimum oftwo years of contracting experience, DoD Contracting Professional Certification (i.e., successful completion of the Contracting Certification Exam at DAU) or legacy DAWIA Contracting certification (Level I, II, or III), successfulcompletion of the COT, and vetting process established by the appointing official and documented on the COWER. Warrant boards shall not be convened for warrants within this threshold.

(k) Local National (LN) Warrants. LNs in an equivalent occupational series to GS-1102 may be selected for a contracting officer appointment in accordance with this MP. LN candidates for zero-dollar and SAT limited warrants must meet the same requirements for zero dollar and SAT warrants described in para (j)(1). LN candidates for $5M and $25M limited warrants must have successfully completed the COT, possess a baccalaureate degree and a minimum of two years of contracting experience, and shall complete all contracting courses required for DoD Contracting Professional Certification (LNs do not have access to the system for the certification portion) or shall possess legacy DAWIA Contracting certification (Level I, II, or III). LN Unlimited Warrant candidates must meet all of the requirements described in this paragraph for $5M and $25M limited LN Warrants and must also pass a warrant board. All LN Warrants are non-transferable.

(l) Contingency Contracting Force. In accordance with 10 USC 1724 and DODI 5000.66, a member of the contingency contracting force in AFSC 6C0X1 and 6C000 who do not possess a baccalaureate degree from an accredited institution may be nominated, evaluated, and selected for a zero dollar (administrative warrant for accomplishing zero-dollar, administrative actions only), SAT, $5M, or $25M limited warrant provided that the individual meets all other requirements for the warrant type and dollar value described in paragraph (j). Since all active duty enlisted members of the DAF Contracting AFSCs 6C0X1 and 6C000 who are serving in an Air Force acquisition coded position are members of the Contingency Contracting Force, regardless of the place of duty performance or the position held, there is no need to issue a separate Contingency Contracting Officer warrant. Military and Civilian personnel with an active DAF warrant may use their existing warrant in support of both non-contingency and Contingency Operations.

(m) Non-Transferable Warrants. Non-transferable warrants may be issued for specific functions or buying activities (e.g., contract closeout, defective pricing actions, funding modifications, administrative modifications, specific contracts, units, etc.) Candidates for zero-dollar and SAT warrants must meet the same requirements for the warrant type and dollar value described in paragraph (j)(1). Candidates for limited non-transferable warrants valued at $5M must meet the same requirements for the warrant type and dollar value described in paragraph (j)(2); however, in the case of a non-transferable $5M warrant limited strictly to incremental funding-only and/or admin-only actions, passage of the COT is recommended but not required. Candidates for limited non-transferable warrants valued at $25M must meet the same requirements for the warrant type and dollar value described in paragraph (j)(3). The SF1402 must clearly state “Limited Non-Transferable Warrant” and cite the specific warrant limitations.

(n) Warrant Transfer and Reinstatement.

(1) Warrants issued in accordance with this MP, except for those issued in accordance with paragraphs (l) and (m) above, are transferable across the DAF. As long as a warrant is in good standing, an individual shall not be required to test or board again. However, warrant transferability does not guarantee immediate utilization, as the gaining appointing official (see paragraph (g)(1)) may determine that time is needed to facilitate familiarity with new workload responsibilities and organizational procedures. When a Contracting Officer moves from one organization to another, the losing organization's FP shall change the affected warrant record to Inactive and annotate any pertinent information in the notes. The gaining FP shall review the incoming Contracting Officer's warrant record to ensure it is current, accurate, complete, and in good standing. Further instructions regarding electronically transferring a warrant to a new organization are located in the AFCOWTT.

(2) Warrant reinstatement is applicable to an individual who previously held an AF warrant and whose warrant was subsequently terminated for reasons such as reassignment or resignation. A request to reinstate an AF warrant must be submitted to the appointing official for approval through the designated FP using the COWER. The appointing official shall document their assessment and rationale for warrant reinstatement on the COWER.

(o) Grandfathered Contracting Officers. Current COs are not required to be tested, boarded, or reappointed as a result of the issuance of, or changes to, this MP; however, those with limited non-transferable or limited transferable warrants must meet the requirements of this MP to obtain a transferable and/or higher dollar value warrant.

(p) Warrants Issued Based on External Warrant Credentials. A new AF 1102 with external, federal government CO experience may be issued an DAF warrant without meeting the requirements of this MP (COT and vetting process or warrant board) based on the discretion of the appointing official, provided they meet the qualification requirements at DFARS 201.603-2. The appointing official must conduct an assessment of the candidate's qualifications and experience prior to the issuance of a DAF warrant. The appointing official shall document the rationale for appointment on the COWER (See sample criteria.)

(q) Warrant Reciprocity. In December 2023, the Assistant Secretaries of the Air Force and the Army(Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) signed Memorandum of Agreement (MOA), Cross-Service Contingency Warranting Procedures,between the two Departments. This MOA, which expires in December 2033, established a warrant reciprocity relationship during contingency operations as defined in l 0 U.S.C. § l01(a)(13), or in support of an emergency or major disaster as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 5122, or as otherwise directed by the Secretary of Defense in support of U.S. government-led operations (hereinafter, "contingency operations"). The MOA mandates recognition of cross-service warrants and qualifications for both military and civilian personnel and requires each services' Head of the Contracting Activity (or delegated warranting authority) to recognize cross-service warrants and the qualifications and thresholds identified therein without additional testing, assessments, or issuinga new warrant. The intent of this MOA is to enable the lead Service for a contingency operation to avoid delays in providing expeditionary contracting support.

(r) Reissuance of Warrant Certificates. A request to reissue an existing warrant certificate for administrative purposes (e.g., damage to or deterioration of the original SF1402, name changes, etc.) is not a new appointment and may be submitted directly to the FP for processing to the appropriate appointing official; use of the COWER is not required. (s)

(s) Warrant Suspension or Termination for Cause. Warrants may be suspended or terminated for unsatisfactory performance. The appointing official may suspend a warrant in writing until proficiency is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the appointing official. If a warrant is terminated

for cause, the candidate must be reappointed in accordance with paragraphs (i), (j), or (k) of this MP, to include a warrant board for reappointment of an unlimited warrant.

(t) Contracting Officer's Signature. The Contracting Officer's wet and digital signature must match the name listed on the SF1402, as should the Contracting Officer's signature block.