

1.108 FAR conventions.

The following conventions provide guidance for interpreting the FAR:

- (a) *Words and terms.* Definitions in [part 2](#) apply to the entire regulation unless specifically defined in another part, subpart, section, provision, or clause. Words or terms defined in a specific part, subpart, section, provision, or clause have that meaning when used in that part, subpart, section, provision, or clause. Undefined words retain their common dictionary meaning.
- (b) *Delegation of authority.* Each authority is delegable unless specifically stated otherwise (see [1.102-5\(b\)](#)).
- (c) *Dollar thresholds.* Unless otherwise specified, a specific dollar threshold for the purpose of applicability is the final anticipated dollar value of the action, including the dollar value of all *options*. If the action establishes a maximum quantity of *supplies* or services to be acquired or establishes a ceiling price or establishes the final price to be based on future events, the final anticipated dollar value *must* be the highest final priced alternative to the Government, including the dollar value of all *options*.
- (d) *Application of FAR changes to solicitations and contracts.* Unless otherwise specified-
 - (1) FAR changes apply to *solicitations* issued on or after the effective date of the change;
 - (2) *Contracting officers may*, at their discretion, include the FAR changes in *solicitations* issued before the effective date, provided award of the resulting contract(s) occurs on or after the effective date; and
 - (3) *Contracting officers may*, at their discretion, include the changes in any existing contract with appropriate consideration.
- (e) *Citations.* When the FAR cites a statute, Executive order, Office of Management and Budget circular, Office of Federal *Procurement* Policy policy letter, or relevant portion of the *Code of Federal Regulations*, the citation includes all applicable amendments, unless otherwise stated.
- (f) *Imperative sentences.* When an imperative sentence directs action, the *contracting officer* is responsible for the action, unless another party is expressly cited.

Parent topic: [Subpart 1.1 - Purpose, Authority, Issuance](#)