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5346.103 Contracting Office Responsibilities

See [MP5346.103](#) for Department of the Air Force requirements regarding contracting office responsibilities for the Quality Assurance Program.

See [Services Contracts Quality Assurance and Contracting Officer Representatives \(COR\) Memorandum](#) .

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5346.311 Higher-Level Contract Quality Requirement.

Contracting Officers shall establish procedures for determining when higher-level contract quality requirements are necessary, for determining the risk (both the likelihood and the impact) of nonconformance, and for advising the contracting officer about which higher-level standards should be applied and included in the solicitation and contract. Requiring compliance with higher-level quality standards is necessary in solicitations and contracts for complex or critical items (see FAR [46.203](#)) or when the technical requirements of the contract require -

- (1) Control of such things as design, work operations, in-process controls, testing and inspection; or
- (2) Attention to such factors as organization, planning, work instructions, documentation control, and advanced metrology; or
- (3) Any subcontract for complex and critical items (see FAR [46.203](#)(b) and (c)).