

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](#)