# 17.402 Limitations.

(a) Leader company *contracting* is to be used only when-

(1) The leader company has the necessary production know-how and is able to furnish required assistance to the follower(s);

(2) No other source can meet the Government’s requirements without the assistance of a leader company;

(3) The assistance required of the leader company is limited to that which is essential to enable the follower(s) to produce the items; and

(4) Its use is authorized in accordance with agency procedures.

(b) When leader company *contracting* is used, the Government *shall* reserve the right to approve subcontracts between the leader company and the follower(s).

**Parent topic:** Subpart 17.4 - Leader Company Contracting