

32.503-5 Administration of progress payments.

(a) While the ACO *may*, in approving progress payment requests under [32.503-3](#) of this section, rely on the contractor's accounting system and certification without prepayment review, postpayment reviews (including audits when considered necessary) *shall* be made periodically, or when considered desirable by the ACO to determine the validity of progress payments already made and expected to be made.

(b) These postpayment reviews or audits *shall*, as a minimum, include a determination of whether or not-

(1) The unliquidated progress payments are fairly supported by the value of the work accomplished on the undelivered portion of the contract;

(2) The applicable limitation on progress payments in the Progress Payments clause has been exceeded;

(3)

(i) The unpaid balance of the contract price will be adequate to cover the anticipated cost of completion; or

(ii) The contractor has adequate resources to complete the contract; and

(4) There is reason to doubt the adequacy and reliability of the contractor's accounting system and controls and certification.

(c) Under indefinite-delivery contracts, the *contracting officer should* administer progress payments made under each individual order as if the order constituted a separate contract, unless agency procedures provide otherwise. When the contract will be administered by an agency other than the awarding agency, the *contracting officer shall* coordinate with the *contract administration office* if the awarding agency wants the administration of progress payments to be on a basis other than order-by-order.

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