32.603 Debt determination.

(a) If the *contracting officer* has any indication that a contractor owes money to the Government under a contract, the *contracting officer shall* determine promptly whether an actual debt is due and the amount. Any unnecessary delay *may* contribute to-

(1) Loss of timely availability of the funds to the program for which the funds were initially provided;

(2) Increased difficulty in collecting the debt; or

(3) Actual monetary loss to the Government.

(b) The amount of indebtedness determined by the *contracting officer shall* be an amount that-

(1) Is based on the merits of the case; and

(2) Is consistent with the contract terms.

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