

32.906 Making payments.

(a) *General*. The Government will not make *invoice payments* earlier than 7 days prior to the *due dates* specified in the contract unless the *agency head* determines-

- (1) To make earlier payment on a case-by-case basis; or
- (2) That the use of accelerated payment methods are necessary (see [32.903\(a\)\(5\)](#)).

(b) *Payment office*. The *designated payment office*-

- (1) Will mail checks on the same *day* they are dated;
- (2) For payments made by EFT, will specify a date on or before the established *due date* for settlement of the payment at a Federal Reserve Bank;
- (3) When the *due date* falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Government offices are closed, *may* make payment on the following working *day* without incurring a late payment interest penalty.
- (4) When it is determined that the *designated billing office* erroneously rejected a *proper invoice* and upon resubmission of the *invoice*, will enter in the payment system the original date the *invoice* was received by the *designated billing office* for the purpose of calculating the correct payment *due date* and any interest penalties that *may* be due.

(c) Partial deliveries.

(1) *Contracting officers must*, where the nature of the work permits, write contract statements of work and *pricing* arrangements that allow contractors to deliver and receive *invoice payments* for discrete portions of the work as soon as completed and found acceptable by the Government (see [32.102\(d\)](#)).

(2) Unless specifically prohibited by the contract, the clause at [52.232-1](#), Payments, provides that the contractor is entitled to payment for accepted partial deliveries of *supplies* or partial performance of services that comply with all applicable contract requirements and for which prices can be calculated from the contract terms.

(d) *Contractor identifier*. Each payment or remittance advice will use the contractor *invoice* number in addition to any Government or contract information in describing any payment made.

(e) *Discounts*. When a *discount for prompt payment* is taken, the *designated payment office* will make payment to the contractor as close as possible to, but not later than, the end of the discount period. The discount period is specified by the contractor and is calculated from the date of the contractor's *proper invoice*. If the contractor has not placed a date on the *invoice*, the *due date* is calculated from the date the *designated billing office* receives a *proper invoice*, provided the agency annotates such *invoice* with the date of receipt at the time of receipt. When the discount date falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday when Government offices are closed, the *designated payment office may* make payment on the following working *day* and take a discount. Payment terms are specified in the clause at [52.232-8](#), Discounts for Prompt Payment.

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