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The primary purpose of contracted R&D programs is to advance scientific and technical knowledge and apply that knowledge to the extent necessary to achieve agency and national goals. Unlike contracts for *supplies* and services, most R&D contracts are directed toward objectives for which the work or methods cannot be precisely described in advance. It is difficult to judge the probabilities of success or required effort for technical approaches, some of which *offer* little or no early assurance of full success. The *contracting* process *shall* be used to encourage the best sources from the scientific and industrial community to become involved in the program and *must* provide an environment in which the work can be pursued with reasonable flexibility and minimum administrative burden.

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