

# 50.102-1 Delegation of authority.

An *agency head* may delegate *in writing* authority under Pub. L. 85-804 and E.O. 10789, subject to the following limitations:

- (a) Authority delegated *shall* be to a level high enough to ensure uniformity of action.
- (b) Authority to approve requests to obligate the Government in excess of \$75,000 *may* not be delegated below the *secretarial level*.
- (c) Regardless of dollar amount, authority to approve any amendment without consideration that increases the contract price or unit price *may* not be delegated below the *secretarial level*, except in extraordinary cases or classes of cases when the *agency head* finds that special circumstances clearly justify such delegation.
- (d) Regardless of dollar amount, authority to indemnify against unusually hazardous or nuclear risks, including extension of such indemnification to subcontracts, *shall* be exercised only by the Secretary or Administrator of the agency concerned, the Public Printer, or the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority (see [50.104-3](#)).

**Parent topic:** [50.102 Delegation of and limitations on exercise of authority.](#)