

50.205-4 Authorization of awards made presuming SAFETY Act designation or certification after contract award.

(a) When necessary to award a contract prior to DHS issuing SAFETY Act protections, *contracting officers may* award contracts presuming that DHS will issue a *SAFETY Act designation/certification* to the contractor after contract award only if-

(1) The criteria of [50.205-3\(a\)](#) are met;

(2) The chief of the *contracting office* (or other official designated in agency procedures) approves the action; and

(3) The *contracting officer* advises DHS of the timelines for potential award and consults DHS as to when DHS could reasonably complete evaluations of *offerors'* applications for *SAFETY Act designations* or certifications.

(b) *Contracting officers shall* not authorize *offers* presuming that SAFETY Act certification will be obtained (as opposed to a *SAFETY Act designation*), unless a *block certification* applies to the class of technology to be acquired under the *solicitation*.

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