51.101 Policy.

(a) If it is in the Government's interest, and if *supplies* or services required in the performance of a Government contract are available from Government supply sources, *contracting officers may* authorize contractors to use these sources in performing-

(1) Government cost-reimbursement contracts;

(2) Other types of negotiated contracts when the agency determines that a substantial dollar portion of the contractor's contracts are of a Government cost-reimbursement nature; or

(3) *A contract under* 41 U.S.C. chapter 85, Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, if-

(i) The nonprofit agency requesting use of the *supplies* and services is providing a commodity or service to the Federal Government; and

(ii) The *supplies* or services received are directly used in making or providing a commodity or service, approved by the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, to the Federal Government (see subpart 8.7).

(b) Contractors with fixed-price Government contracts that require protection of security *classified information may* acquire security equipment through GSA sources (see 41 CFR 101-26.507).

(c) *Contracting officers shall* authorize contractors purchasing supply items for Government use that are available from the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled (see subpart 8.7) to purchase such items from the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), the General Services Administration (GSA), and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) if they are available from these agencies through their distribution facilities. Mandatory *supplies* that are not available from DLA/GSA/VA *shall* be ordered through the appropriate central nonprofit agency (see 52.208-9(c)).

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