52.105 Procedures for using alternates.

(a) The FAR accommodates a major variation in a provision or clause by use of an *alternate*. The FAR prescribes *alternates* to a given provision or clause in the FAR subject text where the provision or clause is prescribed. The *alternates* to each provision or clause are titled "*Alternate* I," "*Alternate* II," "*Alternate* III," etc.

(b) When an *alternate* is used, its date *shall* be cited along with the date of the basic provision or clause; *e.g.,* 52.209-3 *First Article* Approval-Contractor Testing (Oct 1983)-*Alternate* I (Dec 1983).

(c) Under certain circumstances, a provision or clause *may* be used with two or more *alternates*. In these circumstances, each of the applicable *alternates shall* be cited, whether incorporated by reference or in full text; *e.g.,* 52.209-3 *First Article* Approval-Contractor Testing (Oct 1983)-*Alternate* I (Dec 1983) and *Alternate* II (Feb 1984). However, under no circumstances *may* an *alternate* to a specific provision or clause be applied to any other provision or clause.

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