

# 52.236-14 Availability and Use of Utility Services.

As prescribed in [36.514](#) , insert the following clause in *solicitations* and contracts when a fixed-price *construction* contract or a fixed-price dismantling, demolition, or removal of improvements contract is contemplated, the contract is to be performed on Government sites when the *contracting officer* decides (a) that the existing utility system is adequate for the needs of both the Government and the contractor, and (b) furnishing it is in the Government's interest. When this clause is used, the *contracting officer shall* list the available utilities in the contract.

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(a) The Government *shall* make all reasonably required amounts of utilities available to the Contractor from existing outlets and *supplies*, as specified in the contract. Unless otherwise provided in the contract, the amount of each utility service consumed *shall* be charged to or paid for by the Contractor at prevailing rates charged to the Government or, where the utility is produced by the Government, at reasonable rates determined by the *Contracting Officer*. The Contractor *shall* carefully conserve any utilities furnished without charge.

(b) The Contractor, at its expense and in a workmanlike manner satisfactory to the *Contracting Officer*, *shall* install and maintain all necessary temporary connections and distribution lines, and all meters required to measure the amount of each utility used for the purpose of determining charges. Before final acceptance of the work by the Government, the Contractor *shall* remove all the temporary connections, distribution lines, meters, and associated paraphernalia.

(End of clause)

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