

Subpart 571.2 - Pilot Program

Parent topic: [Part 571 - Pilot Program For Innovative Commercial Products and Commercial Services](#)

571.201 Approval Process.

GSA contracting officers must receive approval in accordance with the procedures provided within the GSA PIRC CSO Guide to utilize the CSO procedure under this part to enter into contracts to fulfill requirements, capability gaps, or procure potential technological advancements. Only those acquisitions approved by an Agency Acquisition Innovation Advocate may be conducted under the CSO procedure.

571.202 Restrictions.

(a) The CSO procedure shall only be used when procuring innovative commercial acquisitions, including products, technologies, and services.

(b) Any contract using this authority must not exceed \$10,000,000, inclusive of all options.

(c) No contracting officer or employee of the government may create or authorize an obligation in excess of the funds available, or in advance of appropriations (Anti-Deficiency Act, <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/31/1341>), unless otherwise authorized by law.

(d) GSA employees must be appointed as a contracting officer, consistent with GSAM [501.603](#), and must have a Federal Acquisition Certification in Contracting (FAC-C) at Level III to award a contract using the CSO procedure in accordance with this part.