The acquiring department generally is responsible under coordinated acquisition for—

(1) Operational aspects of acquisition planning (phasing the submission of requirements to contracting, consolidating or dividing requirements, analyzing the market, and determining patterns for the phased placement of orders to avoid unnecessary production fluctuations and meet the needs of requiring departments at the lowest price);

(2) Purchasing;

(3) Performing or assigning contract administration, including follow-up and expediting of inspection and transportation; and

(4) Obtaining licenses under patents and settling patent infringement claims arising out of the acquisition. (Acquiring departments must obtain approval from the department whose funds are to be charged for obtaining licenses or settling claims.)

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