

# Subpart 1034.0 - General

**Parent topic:** [PART 1034 - MAJOR SYSTEM ACQUISITION](#)

## 1034.001 Definitions.

As used in this part -

*Development, Modernization, Enhancement (DME)* is the portion of an IT investment/project which deals with developing and implementing new or enhanced technology in support of an agency's mission.

*Major acquisitions for development* are defined as contracts, awarded in support of one or more Major IT investments with DME activities, which meet the contract threshold for fully applying FAR 34.2 procedures.

*Performance-based acquisition management* means a documented, systematic process for program management, which includes integration of program scope, schedule and cost objectives, establishment of a baseline plan for accomplishment of program objectives, and use of earned value techniques for performance measurement during execution of the program. A performance-based acquisition (as defined in FAR 37.101) or an acquisition with a defined quality assurance plan that includes performance standards/measures should be the basis for monitoring the contractor.

## 1034.004 Acquisition strategy.

(a) A program manager's acquisition strategy written at the system or investment level in accordance with FAR 7.103(e) shall include at a minimum:

- (1) The relationship of each individual acquisition (Contract, Delivery Order, Task Order, or Interagency Agreement) to the overall investment requirements and management structure;
- (2) What work is being performed in-house (by government personnel) versus contracted out for the investment;
- (3) A description of the effort, by acquisition, and the plans to include required clauses in the acquisitions;
- (4) A timetable of major acquisition award and administration activities, including plans for contract transitions;
- (5) An investment/system surveillance plan;
- (6) Financial and human resource requirements to manage the acquisition processes through the investment lifecycle;
- (7) Consideration of optimal contract types, including considerations of performance based approaches, small business utilization, Section 508, etc.; and
- (8) Assurances that the acquisition strategy section and supporting acquisition plans will maximize

competition, including enabling downstream competition through avoidance of vendor “lock in”.

(b) The acquisition strategy shall be approved by a chartered interdisciplinary acquisition team that includes a representative of the procurement organization designated in accordance with bureau procedures.