Subpart 842.2—Contract Administration Services

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842.270 Contracting Officer's Representatives' role in contract administration.

(a) A contracting officer may designate a qualified person to be the Contracting Officer's Representative (COR) for the purpose of performing certain technical functions in administering a contract.

(b) The COR acts solely as a technical representative of the contracting officer and is not authorized to perform any function that results in a change in the scope, price, terms or conditions of the contract.

(c) A COR designation must be made in writing by the contracting officer. The designation shall identify the responsibilities and limitations of the COR. A copy of the designation must be furnished to the contractor and the Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO), if separately assigned.

842.271 Administrative Contracting Officer's role in contract administration and delegated functions.

(a) Contracting officers are authorized to delegate certain contract administration or specialized support services in accordance with FAR 42.202 and 42.302 to cognizant VA administrative contracting officers.

(b) The Administrative Contracting Officer's authority is limited to the actions detailed in the delegation.

(c) These delegations of authority shall be set forth in a written Administrative Contracting Officer (ACO) Letter of Delegation issued by the contracting officer to the accepting contract administration office and designated administrative contracting officer. The ACO Letter of Delegation shall contain the information required in FAR 42.202(a) through (c) and identify the responsibilities and limitations of the ACO. A copy of the delegation will be furnished to the contractor and the ACO.

(d) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.242-71, Administrative Contracting Officer, in solicitations and contracts expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold.

842.272 Contract clause for Government construction contract administration.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 852.242-70, Government Construction Contract Administration, in solicitations and contracts for construction expected to exceed the micro-purchase threshold, when contract administration is delegated.