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.

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