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See [MP5346.103](#) for Department of the Air Force requirements regarding contracting office responsibilities for the Quality Assurance Program.

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5346.311 Higher-Level Contract Quality Requirement.

Agencies shall establish procedures for determining when higher-level contract quality requirements are necessary, for determining the risk (both the likelihood and the impact) of nonconformance, and for advising the contracting officer about which higher-level standards should be applied and included in the solicitation and contract. Requiring compliance with higher-level quality standards is necessary in solicitations and contracts for complex or critical items (see FAR [46.203](#)) or when the technical requirements of the contract require -

- (1) Control of such things as design, work operations, in-process controls, testing and inspection; or
- (2) Attention to such factors as organization, planning, work instructions, documentation control, and advanced metrology,
- (a) The Contractor shall comply with the higher-level quality standard(s) listed below.

_____ [Contracting Officer shall insert the title, number (if any), date, and tailoring (if any) of the higher-level quality standards.]

- (b) The Contractor shall include applicable requirements of the higher-level quality standard(s) listed in paragraph (a) of this clause and the requirement to flow down such standards, as applicable, to lower-tier subcontracts, in-

- (1) Any subcontract for critical and complex items (see FAR [46.203\(b\)](#) and (c)); or
- (2) When the technical requirements of a subcontract require-
 - (i) Control of such things as design, work operations, in-process control, testing, and inspection; or
 - (ii) Attention to such factors as organization, planning, work instructions, documentation control, and advanced metrology.
- (c) See FAR [46.311](#)