

Subpart 516.4 - Incentive Contracts

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516.403 [Reserved]

516.403-2 Fixed-price incentive contracts.

The formula specified in FAR 16.403-2(a)(1)(iii) does not apply for the life of the contract. Instead, it is used to fix the firm target profit for the contract. In order to provide an incentive consistent with the circumstances, the formula should reflect the relative risk involved in establishing an incentive arrangement where cost and pricing information were not sufficient to permit the negotiation of firm targets at the outset.

516.405 [Reserved]

516.405-1 Cost-reimbursement incentive contracts.

Appropriate weight shall be given to basic acquisition objectives in negotiating the range of fee and the fee adjustment formula. For example—

- (a) In an initial product development contract, it may be appropriate to provide for relatively small adjustments in fee tied to the cost incentive feature, but provide for significant adjustments if the contractor meets or surpasses performance targets; and
- (b) In subsequent development and test contracts, it may be appropriate to negotiate an incentive formula tied primarily to the contractor's success in controlling costs.