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## 1.603-1 General.

41 U.S.C. 1702(b)(3)(G) requires *agency heads* to establish and maintain a *procurement* career management program and a system for the selection, appointment, and termination of appointment of *contracting officers*. *Agency heads* or their designees *may* select and appoint *contracting officers* and terminate their appointments. These selections and appointments *shall* be consistent with Office of Federal *Procurement* Policy's (OFPP) standards for skill-based training in performing *contracting* and purchasing duties as published in OFPP Policy Letter No. 05-01, Developing and Managing the *Acquisition* Workforce, April 15, 2005.

**Parent topic:** 1.603 Selection, appointment, and termination of appointment for contracting officers.