8.802 Policy.

(a) *Government printing must* be done by or through the Government Publishing Office (GPO) (44 U.S.C. 501), unless-

(1) The GPO cannot provide the printing service (44 U.S.C. 504);

(2) The printing is done in field printing plants operated by an *executive agency* (44 U.S.C. 501(2));

(3) The printing is acquired by an *executive agency* from allotments for contract field printing (44 U.S.C. 501(2)); or

(4) The printing is specifically authorized by statute to be done other than by the GPO.

(b) The head of each agency *shall* designate a central printing authority; that central printing authority *may* serve as the liaison with the Congressional Joint Committee on Printing (JCP) and the Public Printer on matters related to printing. *Contracting officers shall* obtain approval from their designated central printing authority before *contracting* in any manner, whether directly or through contracts for other *supplies* or services, for the items defined in 8.801 and for composition, platemaking, presswork, binding, and micrographics (when used as a substitute for printing).

(c)

(1) Further, 44 U.S.C.1121 provides that the Public Printer *may* acquire and furnish paper and envelopes (excluding envelopes printed in the course of manufacture) in common use by two or more Government departments, establishments, or services within the District of Columbia, and provides for reimbursement of the Public Printer from available appropriations or funds. Paper and envelopes that are furnished by the Public Printer *may* not be acquired in any other manner.

(2) Paper and envelopes for use by *Executive agencies* outside the District of Columbia and stocked by GSA *shall* be requisitioned from GSA in accordance with the procedures listed in Federal Property Management Regulations (FPMR) 41 CFR part 101, subpart 101-26.3.

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