

## 12.212 Computer software.

(a) *Commercial computer software* or *commercial computer software documentation* shall be acquired under licenses customarily provided to the public to the extent such licenses are consistent with Federal law and otherwise satisfy the Government's needs. Generally, *offerors* and contractors shall not be required to-

(1) Furnish technical information related to *commercial computer software* or *commercial computer software documentation* that is not customarily provided to the public; or

(2) Relinquish to, or otherwise provide, the Government rights to use, modify, reproduce, release, perform, display, or disclose *commercial computer software* or *commercial computer software documentation* except as mutually agreed to by the parties.

(b) With regard to *commercial computer software* and *commercial computer software documentation*, the Government shall have only those rights specified in the license contained in any addendum to the contract. For additional guidance regarding the use and negotiation of license agreements for *commercial computer software*, see [27.405-3](#).

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