817.7004-1 Authorization.

The contracting officer shall obtain approval one level above the contracting officer before—

(a) *Entering into a UCA*. The request for approval must fully explain the need to begin performance before definitization, including the adverse impact on the VA resulting from delays in beginning performance.

(b) *Including requirements for non-urgent items and equipment in a UCA.* The request should show that inclusion of the non-urgent items is consistent with good business practices and in the best interest of the Government.

(c) *Modifying the scope of a UCA when performance has already begun.* The request should show that the modification is consistent with good business practices and in the best interests of the Government.

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