

501.402 Policy.

(a) Uniformity is a goal of GSA's Acquisition Management System. Despite this desire for uniformity, a contracting activity may take any of the following actions:

(1) Develop and test new acquisition policies, procedures, methods or techniques.

(2) Adopt alternate acquisition policies, procedures, methods, or techniques to satisfy unique programmatic or managerial requirements.

(3) Change an

(i) Existing non-regulatory provision, or

(ii) Existing regulatory provision, including those implementing a statutory requirement provided the deviation does not violate the underlying statute.

(b) Deviations, as described by paragraph (a) of this section, must not be used to defeat the FAR or GSAM approval requirements.

(c) When an HCA believes that a deviation may be required on a permanent basis, the HCA should recommend an appropriate FAR or GSAM revision. Recommendations shall be submitted to the Office of Acquisition Policy.

Parent topic: [Subpart 501.4 - Deviations from the FAR and GSAR](#)