The Contracting Officer may designate an appropriately qualified Government employee to act as the Authorized Representative of the Contracting Officer (AR/CO). Such designation shall apply to a single contract, must be in writing, and shall define the scope and limitations of the AR/CO's authority. The instrument designating an AR/CO shall not contain authority to sign or agree to any contract or major modification to a contract. Contractual commitments shall be made only by a duly certified contracting officer. The Contracting Officer shall insert the clause at 1952.242–70, Authorized Representative of the Contracting Officer, in solicitations and contracts when an individual is to be selected and designated by the Contracting Officer to perform administration of a given contract(s).