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Subpart 1844.2—Consent to Subcontracts

1844.202 Contracting officer's evaluation.

1844.202-1 Responsibilities.

(a) NASA contracting officers shall retain consent to subcontract authority unless delegation is approved in writing by the procurement officer.

1844.204 Contract clauses.

1844.204-70 NASA contract clause.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at [1852.244-70](#), Geographic Participation in the Aerospace Program, in all research and development solicitations and contracts of \$500,000 or over that will be performed within the United States.

Subpart 1844.3—Contractors' Purchasing Systems Reviews

1844.302 Requirements.

1844.302-70 DCMA-conducted contractor purchasing system reviews.

For contracts within their cognizance, NASA contracting officers shall be aware of purchasing system approval status and should become actively involved with the [Defense Contract Management Agency](#) (DCMA) (<http://www.dcmamilitary.com/>) in the Contractor Purchasing System Review (CPSR) process. DCMA has a CPSR Guidebook that is a helpful resource for the CPSR process (<http://guidebook.dcmamilitary.com/26/>). Involvement should include the following:

- (a) Verifying that CPSRs are being conducted in accordance with [FAR 44.302](#).
- (b) Ensuring that purchasing system review specifically includes the business unit performing the NASA contract.
- (c) Actively participating as a team member, or arranging NASA representation, on DCMA CPSRs to review areas of NASA-specific interest. At a minimum, such participation or representation shall be arranged when the DCMA CPSR review involves—
 - (1) Contractors with major NASA programs;
 - (2) Contractors' business units where the total dollar value of NASA contracts is substantial; or
 - (3) Any contractor system where the contracting officer has special concerns.
- (d) Ensuring that the selected CPSR sample to be reviewed reflects the level of NASA business in the contractor's purchasing organization.
- (e) Providing to the cognizant DCMA CPSR team leader any areas of special emphasis regarding the contractor's purchasing system to ensure that the review is tailored to address any NASA concerns.

1844.302-71 NASA-conducted contractor purchasing system reviews.

If a NASA activity is the cognizant contract administration office, or after coordination with the cognizant DCMA CPSR office it is determined that a CPSR is required, but cannot be accomplished by DCMA, then a CPSR should be conducted by NASA personnel. The NASA CPSR team leader may vary the scope of review depending on the contractor and contracts involved and shall maintain close coordination with the cognizant ACO during CPSRs at contractors under DOD cognizance.

1844.304 Surveillance.

1844.304-70 Contracting officer surveillance.

- (a) In the period between complete CPSRs, NASA contracting officers shall maintain a sufficient level of surveillance to ensure contractor purchasing efforts in support of NASA contracts are accomplished in an appropriate manner and protect the interests of the Agency.
- (b) Surveillance shall be accomplished primarily through performance of subcontract consent

reviews. Other methods of surveillance, including periodic reviews of contractor purchasing records, may also be conducted. Contracting officers shall document the results of subcontract consent reviews and periodic reviews, maintaining a record of contractor subcontract or purchase order award performance on NASA contracts. Contractor performance shall be summarized on an annual basis and provided to the ACO cognizant of the contractor's purchasing system. Annual reports should summarize the number of consent reviews and other reviews conducted during the year by NASA representatives, and summarize the types and quantity of deficiencies identified during reviews, the need for special reviews, and recommended areas of emphasis during future CPSRs.

1844.305 Granting, withholding, or withdrawing approval.

1844.305-70 Review of CPSR reports.

ACO actions related to purchasing system approval have a potential impact on NASA contracting officer consent requirements. Accordingly, NASA contracting officers shall review system deficiencies documented in CPSR reports and when results of consent reviews and other sources conflict with CPSR or DOD surveillance conclusions, formally communicate such concerns to the ACO having cognizance of purchasing system approval. Significant issues or significant conflicts with DOD CPSR results should be formally referred to the Office of Procurement, Program Operations Division.