PART 1802
DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

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Commonly used words and terms are defined in FAR Subpart 2.1. This Part 1802 gives NASA-
specific meanings for some of these words and terms and defines other words and terms commonly
used in the NASA acquisition process.

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See [PCD 18-01](#) for further guidance related to FAR 2.101.

1802.101 Definitions.

“Administrator” means the Administrator or Deputy Administrator of NASA.

“Contracting activity” in NASA includes the NASA Headquarters installation, the NASA Shared
Services Center, the NASA Management Office, and the following field installations: Ames Research
Center, Armstrong Flight Research Center, John H. Glenn Research Center at Lewis Field, Goddard
Space Flight Center, Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center, John F. Kennedy Space Center, Langley
Research Center, George C. Marshall Space Flight Center, and John C. Stennis Space Center. A major
program that may have contracts at multiple field centers may also be considered a “contracting
activity.”

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“Head of the agency” or “agency head” means the Administrator or Deputy Administrator of NASA.

“Head of the contracting activity (HCA)” means the Center Director of the field installation where
the lead procurement office for the acquisition is geographically located. For Human Exploration and
Operations Mission Directorate (HEOMD) contracts, the HCA is the Associate Administrator for HEOMD
in lieu of the field installation Center Director(s). For NASA Shared Services Center (NSSC) contracts,
the HCA is the Executive Director of the NSSC. For NASA Management Office (NMO) contracts the HCA
is the NMO Director.

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“Procurement officer” means the chief of the contracting office, as defined in FAR 2.101.

“Senior Procurement Executive” means the Assistant Administrator or Deputy Assistant
Administrator for Procurement, Office of Procurement, NASA Headquarters.