

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL

PART 501—GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ACQUISITION REGULATION SYSTEM

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Subpart 501.1—Purpose, Authority, Issuance

501.101 Purpose.

(a) The General Services Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) contains agency acquisition policies and practices, contract clauses, solicitation provisions, and forms that control the relationship between GSA and contractors and prospective contractors.

(b) GSAR address rules directly to you, the contracting officer, unless otherwise indicated.

501.103 Authority.

GSA's Senior Procurement Executive issues the GSAR under the authority of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

501.104 Applicability.

(a) *General.* The GSAR applies to contracts for suppliers or services, including construction.

(b) *Acquisition of leasehold interests in real property.* Part 570 establishes rules for the acquisition of leasehold interests in real property. Other provisions of 48 CFR chapter 5 (GSAR) do not apply to leases of real property unless specifically cross-reference in part 570.

(c) *Relationship to state.* Some GSAR rules implement and interpret laws and other authorities affecting procurement. A GSAR rule specifically directed by statute has the force and effect of law.

(d) *GSAR/FAR Relationship.* The GSAR may deviate from the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) if authorized. If the GSAR does not implement the FAR, the FAR alone governs.

501.105 Issuance.

501.105-1 Publication and code arrangement.

The GSAR is published in the following sources:

(a) Daily issue of the FEDERAL REGISTER.

(b) Annual Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), as Chapter 5 of Title 48.

(c) GSA Acquisition Manual distributed within GSA.

(d) GSA Home Page at <http://www/gas.gov>. Click on either "Government Agencies" or on "Business and Industry," the click on "Acquisition."

501.105-2 Arrangement of regulations.

(a) The GSAR numbers and captions policies and procedures to correspond to how they appear in the FAR, e.g., 1.104 in the FAR is 501.104 in the GSAR.

(b) GSAR rules not implementing the FAR have numbers beginning with 70, e.g., part 570, subsection 515.209-70.

(c) The GSAR may have gaps in its numbering scheme because a FAR rule may not require GSAR implementation.

501.105-3 Copies.

The GSAR in CFR form may be purchased from: Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington, DC 20402.

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501.106 OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

Subpart 501.4—Deviations From the FAR and GSAR

GSAR Reference	OMB Control No.
509.105-1(a)	3090-0007
511.140-70	3090-0203
511.204(c)	3090-0246
514.201-1(a)	3090-0163
514.201-7(a)	3090-0200
516.203-4(a)(1)	3090-0243
516.506	3090-0248
519.70	3090-0286
519.708(b)	3090-0252
522.406-6	1215-0149
523.370	3090-0205
532.111(c)	3090-0080
532.905-70	9000-0102
532.905-71	3090-0080
537.110(a)	3090-0197
537.110(b)	3090-0006
538.273(a)(1)	3090-0250
538.273(a)(3)	3090-0262
538.273(b)(1)	3090-0121
542.1107	3090-0027
546.307-70	3090-0027
546.302-71	3090-0027
552.211-77	3090-0246
552.214-71	3090-0200
552.216-70	3090-0243
552.216-72	3090-0248
552.216-73	3090-0248
552.219-72	3090-0252
552.219-75	3090-0286
552.219-76	3090-0286
552.223-72	3090-0205
552.232-72	3090-0080
552.237-70	3090-0197
552.237-71	3090-0006
552.238-70	3090-0250
552.238-72	3090-0262
552.238-74	3090-0121, 3090-0250
552.239-71	3090-0294
552.242-70	3090-0027
552.246-70	3090-0027
552.246-71	3090-0027
GSA-72-A	3090-0121
GSA-527	3090-0007
GSA-618-D	1215-0149
GSA-1142	3090-0080
GSA-1364	3090-0086
GSA-1678	3090-0027
GSA-2419	9000-0102
570.802(c)	3090-0086
570.802(d)	3090-0086

501.402 Policy.

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

- (a) Develop and test new procedures and techniques.
- (b) Adopt alternate procedures in the public interest for unique programmatic or managerial requirements
- (c) Deviate from a regulatory provision implementing a statutory requirement provided the deviation does not violate the underlying statute. Deviations must not be used to defeat the FAR and GSAR approval requirements.

501.403 Individual deviations.

- (a) An individual deviation affects only one contract action.
 - (1) The Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) must approve an individual deviation to the FAR. The authority to grant an individual deviation may not be re-delegated. A copy of the deviation must be provided to GSA's Senior Procurement Executive (SPE).
 - (2) An individual deviation to the GSAR must be approved by the HCA. The authority to grant an individual deviation may be re-delegated to the Contracting Director.
- (b) If GSA delegates authority to another agency and requires compliance with the GSAR as a condition of the delegation, the Contracting Director in the agency receiving the delegation may approve individual deviations from the GSAR unless the agency head receiving the delegation designates another official.
- (c) Send a copy of each deviation to GSA's SPE (V).

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501.404 Class deviations.

- (a) A class deviation affects more than one contract action. A deviation for any solicitation that will result in multiple awards or any solicitation under the multiple award Federal Supply Schedule program is considered to

be a class deviation. Each award under such a solicitation is considered an individual contract action.

(1) A class deviation to the FAR must be forwarded by the cognizant HCA to GSA's SPE for approval. Prior to approving a class deviation to the FAR, the SPE will consult with the Chairman of the Civilian Agency Acquisition Council (CAAC) in accordance with FAR 1.404(a)(1).

(2) A class deviation to the GSAR must be forwarded by the cognizant HCA to GSA's SPE for approval.

(3) When an HCA knows that a proposed class deviation will be required on a permanent basis, the HCA should propose or recommend an appropriate FAR and/or GSAR revision.

(b) If GSA delegates authority to another agency and requires compliance with the GSAR as a condition of the delegation, the HCA in the agency receiving the delegation may approve class deviations from the GSAR unless the agency head receiving the delegation designates another official.

(c) Send a copy of each deviation to GSA's SPE (V).

(d) A request for class deviations must be supported by statements that fully describe the need for and the nature of the deviation.

(e) Class deviations from the GSAR:

(1) Expire in 12 months if not extended.

(2) May be rescinded earlier by GSA's SPE or by officials designated under paragraph (a) of this section without prejudice to any action taken previously.

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501.404-70 Contract action.

Contract action. A contract action, for the purpose of determining whether an individual or class deviation is appropriate, has the same meaning as that used for reporting contract actions to Federal Procurement Data System—Next Generation (FPDS-NG). A contract action includes, but is not limited to, any of the following:

(a) Initial letter contract.

(b) Definitive contract superseding letter contract.

(c) New definitive contract.

(d) Purchase order/BPA calls using simplified acquisition procedures.

(e) Orders under single award indefinite delivery contracts.

(f) Orders under BOA.

(g) Order/modification under Federal schedule contract.

(h) Modification.

(i) Termination for Default.

(j) Termination for Convenience.

(k) Order under multiple award contract.

(l) Initial load of Federal schedule contract.

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501.404-71 Deviations to the non-regulatory GSAM.

Handle individual and class deviations to the nonregulatory (unshaded) part of the GSAM as stated in 501.403 and 501.404.

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PART 502—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

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Subpart 502.1—Definitions

502.101 Definitions.

Agency competition advocate means the GSA Competition Advocate in the Office of the Chief Acquisition Officer.

Assigned counsel means the attorney employed by the Office of General Counsel (including offices of Regional Counsel) assigned to provide legal review or assistance.

Contracting activity competition advocate means the individual designated in writing by the Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA). This authority may not be redelegated. The HCA must ensure that the designated competition advocate is not assigned any duty or responsibility that is inconsistent with the advocacy function. The identity of the designated official shall be communicated to procuring staff and the Senior Procurement Executive.

Contracting director means:

(a) Except in the Federal Acquisition Service (FAS), a director of a Central