

required for studies involving 11 to 45 DoD civilian employees (see Appendix C to this part).

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**§ 169a.14 Military personnel commercial activity.**

Commercial activities performed exclusively by military personnel not subject to deployment in a combat, combat support, or combat service support role may be converted to contract without a cost comparison, when adequate competition is available and reasonable prices can be obtained from qualified commercial sources.

**§ 169a.15 Special considerations.**

(a) Signals Intelligence, Telecommunications (SIGINT) and Automated Information System (AIS) security.

(1) Before making a determination that an activity involving SIGINT as prescribed in Executive Order 12333, and AIS, security should be subjected to a cost comparison, the DoD Component shall specifically identify the risk to national security and complete a risk assessment to determine if the use of commercial resources poses a potential threat to national security. Information copies of the risk assessment and a decision memorandum containing data on the acceptable and/or unacceptable risk will be maintained within the requesting DoD Component's contracting office.

(2) The National Security Agency (NSA) considers the polygraph program an effective means to enhance security protection for special access type information. The risk to national security is of an acceptable level if contractor personnel assigned to the maintenance and operation of SIGINT, Computer Security (COMPUSEC) and Communications Security (COMSEC) equipment agree to an aperiodic counter-intelligence scope polygraph examination. The following clause should be included in every potential contract involving SIGINT, Telecommunications, and AIS systems:

Contract personnel engaged in operation or maintaining SIGINT, COMSEC or COMPUSEC equipment or having access to classified documents or key ma-

terial must consent to an aperiodic counter-intelligence scope polygraph examination administered by the Government. Contract personnel who refuse to take the polygraph examination shall not be considered for selection.

(b) *National intelligence.* Before making a determination that an activity involving the collection/processing/production/dissemination of national intelligence as prescribed in Executive Order 12333 should be subjected to a cost comparison, the DoD Component must specifically identify the risk to national intelligence of using commercial sources. Except as noted in paragraph (a) of this section, the DoD Component shall provide its assessment of the risk to national intelligence of using commercial sources to the Director, DIA, who shall make the determination if the risk to national intelligence is unacceptable. DIA shall consult with other organizations as deemed necessary and shall provide the decision to the DoD Component. (Detailed documentation shall be maintained to support the decision).

(c) *Accountable Officer.* (1) The functions and responsibilities of the Accountable Officer are defined by DoD 7200.10-M.<sup>9</sup> Those functions of the Accountable Officer that involve the exercise of substantive discretionary authority in determining the Government's requirements and controlling Government assets cannot be performed by a contractor and must be retained in-house. The responsibilities of the Accountable Officer as an individual and the position of the Accountable Officer are not contractable.

(2) Contractors can perform functions in support of the Accountable Officer and functions where they are performing in accordance with criteria defined by the Government. For instance, contractors can process requisitions, maintain stock control records, perform storage and warehousing, and make local procurements of items specified as deliverables in the contract.

(3) The responsibility for administrative fund control must be retained in-house. The contractor can process all

<sup>9</sup> See footnote 1 to § 169a.1(a).