

**Department of Agriculture**

**417.204**

**Subpart 416.5—Indefinite-Delivery Contracts**

**416.505 Ordering.**

(a) The Chief, Procurement Policy Division, Office of Procurement and Property Management, has been designated as the Departmental Task Order Ombudsman.

(b) Each HCA shall designate a task order ombudsman for the contracting activity. The HCA shall forward a copy of the designation memorandum to the Departmental Task Order Ombudsman. Contracting activity ombudsmen shall review and resolve complaints from contractors concerning task or delivery orders placed by the contracting activity.

(c) Any contractor who is not satisfied with the resolution of a complaint by a contracting activity ombudsman may request the Departmental Task Order Ombudsman to review the complaint.

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**416.506 Solicitation provision and contract clauses.**

(a) The contracting officer shall insert a provision substantially the same as the provision at 452.216-72, Evaluation Quantities-Indefinite-Delivery Contract, in solicitations which contemplate the award of indefinite-quantity or requirements contracts to establish the basis on which offers will be evaluated.

(b) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 452.216-73, Minimum and Maximum Contract Amounts, in indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contracts when the clause at FAR 52.216-18 is used.

**Subpart 416.6—Time-and-Materials, Labor-Hour, and Letter Contracts**

**416.603 Letter contracts.**

**416.603-2 Application.**

The HCA is authorized to extend the period for defining a letter contract re-

quired by FAR 16.603-2(c) in extreme cases where it is determined in writing that such action is in the best interest of the Government.

**416.603-4 Contract clauses.**

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 452.216-75, Letter Contract, in a definitive contract superseding a letter contract.

**416.670 Contract clauses.**

The contracting officer shall limit the Government's obligation under a time-and-materials or labor-hour contract by inserting the clause at 452.216-74, Ceiling Price.

**Subpart 416.7—Agreements**

**416.702 Basic agreements.**

Promptly after execution by the Government, the HCA shall furnish to the Senior Procurement Executive a copy of each basic agreement negotiated with contractors in accordance with FAR 16.702.

**PART 417—SPECIAL CONTRACTING METHODS**

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301 and 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

**Subpart 417.2—Options**

**417.204 Contracts.**

The head of the contracting activity is authorized to approve contracts which exceed the 5 year limitation in FAR 17.204(e).

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