

(c) Maintenance of property administration and plant clearance functional oversight, regardless of delegations.

1845.7203 Delegations of property administration and plant clearance.

When delegated to DOD, property administration and plant clearance are performed in accordance with DOD's regulations and procedures, as amended by the NASA Letter of Contract Administration Delegation, Special Instructions on Property Administration and Plant Clearance. These Special Instructions are developed by the Headquarters Office of Management Systems and Facilities Logistics Management Office (Code JLG), and are available from that office upon request. The contracting officer shall issue the Special Instructions with delegations whenever Government property will be involved. Additional or more tailored property instructions are not proscribed but must be coordinated with Code JLG before issuance.

1845.7204 Retention of property administration and plant clearance.

NASA may occasionally retain the property administration and plant clearance function, such as for contract work performed at the installation awarding the contract and not subject to the clause at 1852.245-71, Installation-Accountable Government Property. In these cases, property administration shall be performed in accordance with 1845.3 through 1845.6, and plant clearance shall be performed in accordance with FAR Subpart 45.6 and 1845.6. Under the clause at 1852.245-71, property administration and plant clearance are neither delegated nor retained; they are simply not required because the property is treated as installation rather than contract property.

1845.7205 Functional oversight of property administration and plant clearance.

NASA contracting officers retain functional management responsibility for their contracts. Utilization of the contract administration services of another Government agency in no way relieves NASA contracting officers of their ultimate responsibility for the

proper and effective management of contracts. The functional management responsibility for contract property is described in this section. Beyond individual contracting officers, each NASA installation has designated an industrial property officer to manage and coordinate property matters among the various contracting officers, technical officials, contractor officials, and delegated property administrators and plant clearance officers. Generally, that individual is responsible for the entire contract property management function outlined below; the installation is responsible for the entire function regardless of how it is organized and distributed. The responsibilities are:

(a) Provide a focal point for all management of contract property, including Government property (Government-furnished and contractor-acquired) provided to universities as well as to industry.

(b) Provide guidance to contracting and other personnel on the NASA property provisions.

(c) To the extent feasible, review property provisions of acquisition plans, solicitations, contracts, and modifications for potential problems. Propose changes as necessary.

(d) To the extent feasible, participate in pre-award surveys/post-award orientations when significant amounts of Government property will be involved.

(e) Ensure that vesting-of-title determinations are made and documented pursuant to FAR 35.014(b).

(f) Maintain effective communications with delegated property administrators and plant clearance officers to keep fully informed about contractor performance and progress on any property control problems.

(1) Obtain and review property control system survey summaries for all contracts for which property administration has been delegated. Advise Code JLG of any severe or continuing problems.

(2) Provide property administrators copies of all pertinent contract property documentation.

(g) Review and analyze NASA Form 1018, NASA Property in the Custody of Contractors.

(h) Negotiate, or ensure the negotiation of, facilities contracts when required by FAR 45.302 and 1845.302. Advise Code JLG annually of new and completed facilities contracts.

(i) Review property administrators' approvals of relief of responsibility for lost, damaged, and destroyed property and question any excessive or repetitive approvals.

(j) When appropriate, make recommendations to source and performance evaluation boards regarding property management and award fee criteria and evaluations regarding property management.

(k) Monitor plant clearance status to preclude delays in contract closeout.

(l) Maintain contract property files for all transactions and correspondence associated with each contract. Upon receipt of Standard Form 1424, Inventory Disposal Report, and DD Form 1593, Contract Administration Completion Record, or equivalents, merge all property records for the contract and forward for inclusion with the official completed file.

(m) Perform on-site property administration and plant clearance when they are not delegated to DOD and the property is not subject to the clause at 1852.245-71.

1845.7206 Responsibilities of property administrators and plant clearance officers.

1845.7206-1 Property administrators.

(a) When property administration is not delegated to DOD, the property administrator shall evaluate the contractor's management and control of Government property and ascertain whether the contractor is effectively complying with the contract provisions. The property administrator's responsibilities include—

(1) Developing and applying a system survey program for each contractor under the property administrator's cognizance;

(2) Evaluating the contractor's property control system and approving or recommending disapproval;

(3) Advising the contracting officer of any (i) contractor noncompliance with approved procedures and (ii) other significant problems the property administrator cannot resolve, and recom-

mending appropriate action, which may include disapproval of the contractor's property control system;

(4) Resolving property administration matters as necessary with the contractor's management, personnel from Government procurement and logistics activities, and representatives of the NASA Headquarters Office of the Inspector General, the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA), and other Government agencies; and

(5) Recognizing the functions of other Government personnel having cognizance of Government property and obtaining their assistance when required. (These functions include, but are not limited to, contract audit, quality assurance, engineering, pricing, and other technical areas. Assistance and advice on matters involving analyses of the contractor's books and accounting records and on any other audit matters deemed appropriate shall be obtained from the cognizant auditor.)

(b) The participation of property administrators (or other Government industrial property personnel) in pre-award surveys/post-award orientations is required whenever significant amounts of Government property will be involved, in order to reveal and resolve property management problems early in the acquisition cycle.

1845.7206-2 Plant clearance officers.

When plant clearance is not delegated to DOD, NASA plant clearance officers shall be responsible for—

(a) Providing the contractor with instructions and advice regarding the proper preparation of inventory schedules;

(b) Accepting or rejecting inventory schedules;

(c) Conducting or arranging for inventory verification;

(d) Initiating prescribed screening and effecting resulting actions;

(e) Final plant clearance of contractor inventory;

(f) Pre-inventory scrap determinations, as appropriate;

(g) Evaluating the adequacy of the contractor's procedures for property disposal;

(h) Determining the method of disposal;