

(b) The head of the agency may enter into a multiyear contract for supplies if, in addition to the conditions listed in FAR 17.105-1(b), the use of such a contract will promote the national security of the United States.

(c) The head of the agency must not enter into or extend a multiyear contract that exceeds \$500 million (when entered into or when extended) until the Secretary of Defense identifies the contract and any extension in a report submitted to the congressional defense committees (10 U.S.C. 2306b(1)(5)).

(d) The head of the agency must provide written notice to the congressional defense committees at least 30 days before award of a multiyear contract that includes—

(1) An unfunded contingent liability in excess of \$20 million (10 U.S.C. 2306b(1)(1); Section 8008(a) of Public Law 105-56 and similar sections in subsequent DoD appropriations acts); or

(2) A cancellation ceiling in excess of \$100 million (10 U.S.C. 2306b(g)).

(e) The Secretary of Defense may instruct the head of the agency proposing a multiyear contract to include in that contract negotiated priced options for varying the quantities of end items to be procured over the life of the contract (10 U.S.C. 2306b(j)).

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217.173 Multiyear contracts for weapon systems.

(a) As authorized by 10 U.S.C. 2306b(h) and subject to the conditions in paragraph (b) of this section, the head of the agency may enter into a multiyear contract for—

(1) A weapon system and associated items, services, and logistics support for a weapon system; and

(2) Advance procurement of components, parts, and materials necessary to manufacture a weapon system, including advance procurement to achieve economic lot purchases or more efficient production rates (see 217.174 regarding economic order quantity procurement).

(b) The head of the agency must ensure that the following conditions are satisfied before awarding a multiyear contract under the authority described in paragraph (a) of this section:

(1) The multiyear exhibits required by DoD 7000.14-R, Financial Management Regulation, are included in the agency's budget estimate submission and the President's budget request.

(2) The Secretary of Defense certifies to Congress that the current 5-year defense program fully funds the support costs associated with the multiyear program (10 U.S.C. 2306b(i)(1)(A)). The head of the agency must submit information supporting this certification to USD(C) (P/B) for transmission to Congress through the Secretary of Defense.

(3) The proposed multiyear contract provides for production at not less than minimum economic rates, given the existing tooling and facilities (10 U.S.C. 2306b(i)(1)(B)). The head of the agency must submit to USD(C) (P/B) information supporting the agency's determination that this requirement has been met.

(4) If the value of a multiyear contract for a particular system or component exceeds \$500 million, use of a multiyear contract is specifically authorized by—

(i) An appropriations act (10 U.S.C. 2306b(1)(3)); and

(ii) A law other than an appropriations act (10 U.S.C. 2306b(i)(3)).

(5) All other requirements of law are met and there are no other statutory restrictions on using a multiyear contract for the specific system or component (10 U.S.C. 2306b(i)(2)). One such restriction may be the achievement of specified cost savings. If the agency finds, after negotiations with the contractor(s), that the specified savings cannot be achieved, the head of the agency must assess the savings that, nevertheless, could be achieved by using a multiyear contract. If the savings are substantial, the head of the agency may request relief from the law's specific savings requirement. The request must—

(i) Quantify the savings that can be achieved;

(ii) Explain any other benefits to the Government of using the multiyear contract;

(iii) Include details regarding the negotiated contract terms and conditions; and

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(iv) Be submitted to OUSD (AT&L) DP for transmission to Congress via the Secretary of Defense and the President.

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217.174 Multiyear contracts that employ economic order quantity procurement.

(a) The head of the agency must provide written notice to the congressional defense committees at least 30 days before awarding—

(1) A multiyear contract providing for economic order quantity procurement in excess of \$20 million in any one year; or

(2) A contract for advance procurement leading to a multiyear contract that employs economic order quantity procurement in excess of \$20 million in any one year. (10 U.S.C. 2306b(1)(1); Section 8008(a) of Public Law 105-56 and similar sections in subsequent DoD appropriations acts)

(b) Before initiating an advance procurement, the contracting officer must verify that it is consistent with DoD policy (e.g., Chapter 2 of DoD 5000.2-R, Mandatory Procedures for Major Defense Acquisition Programs (MDAPs) and Major Automated Information System (MAIS) Acquisition Programs, and the full funding policy in Volume 2A, Chapter 1, of DoD 7000.14-R, Financial Management Regulation).

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Subpart 217.2—Options

217.202 Use of options.

(1) Options may be used for foreign military sales requirements.

(2) Consider use of surge options to support the Industrial Preparedness Production Planning program (see subpart 208.72). A surge option allows the Government, prior to final delivery, to—

(i) Accelerate the contractor's production rate in accordance with a surge production plan or a delivery schedule provided by the contractor under the terms of the contract; and

(ii) Purchase additional quantities of supplies or services.

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(3) See subpart 217.74 for limitations on the use of undefinitized options.

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217.208 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

Sealed bid solicitations shall not include provisions for evaluations of options unless the contracting officer determines that there is a reasonable likelihood that the options will be exercised (10 U.S.C. 2301(a)(7)). This limitation also applies to sealed bid solicitations for the contracts excluded by FAR 17.200.

217.208-70 Additional clauses.

(a) Use the clause at 252.217-7000, Exercise of Option to Fulfill Foreign Military Sales Commitments, when an option may be used for foreign military sale requirements.

(1) Use Alternate I when the foreign military sale country is not known at the time of solicitation or award.

(2) Do not use this clause in contracts for establishment or replenishment of DoD inventories or stocks, or acquisitions made under DoD cooperative logistics support arrangements.

(b) When a surge option is needed in support of industrial preparedness production planning (see subpart 208.72), use the clause at 252.217-7001, Surge Option, in solicitations and contracts.

(1) Insert the percentage of increase the option represents in paragraph (a) of the clause.

(2) Change 30 days in paragraphs (b)(2) and (d)(1) to longer periods, if appropriate.

(3) Change the 24-month period in paragraph (c)(3), if appropriate.

Subpart 217.4—Leader Company Contracting

217.401 General.

(1) When leader company contracting is to be considered, take special effort to select a small disadvantaged business (SDB) concern as the follower company if—

(i) The follower company will be a subcontractor and the North American Industry Classification System