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(b) Availability of funds to carry out the assignment on a Government-wide basis or with limited exceptions.

(c) Specialized personnel, or the nucleus of such personnel, regularly employed by the agency, such as scientific, research, and operating technicians, especially qualified or experienced in specification writing, buying, inspecting, testing, using, installing, or operating a particular item or group of items.

(d) Custodianship and operation of special facilities such as research and testing laboratories and inspection or testing stations and devices.

(e) Actual or potential qualifications and experience of agency purchasing and contracting officials and their operating units with due regard to adequacy of staff.

(f) Past experience of the agency in performing services to other agencies on an informal or joint cooperative basis.

(g) Relations of the agency with the industry involved.

(h) Physical proximity of the agency purchasing office or offices to the requirement-compiling elements of the principal using agencies.

(i) Physical location of the agency purchasing office or offices in relation to market areas.

(j) Physical proximity of the agency purchasing offices in relation to engineering or design offices, in the interest of speed in processing modifications in design and specifications, and also reviewing bids for specifications compliance.

(k) Relative interest of agency heads in receiving the purchase assignment and specific requests of agency heads to do the buying of a given item or group of items on a Government-wide basis.

§ 101-25.203 Centralized purchases by GSA.

GSA will exclusively, or with specified limited exceptions, make purchases and contracts on a continuing basis for articles and services for the executive branch of the Government in the interest of lower prices, improved quality, and service or standardization when:

(a) The item or item groups of articles and services are items of "common-use" which are defined as items of standard commercial production or items covered by Federal Specifications commonly used by both civilian and military activities, or by two or more civilian activities, and not requiring such substantial alterations to adapt them to military or other particular application as to render inclusion in a centralized purchasing program impracticable; or

(b) A number of agencies, representing the majority users according to dollar volume, request GSA to make purchases and contracts exclusively for a given item or item groups of articles and services even though not "common-use" items as defined in § 101-25.203(a); and

(c) GSA is best equipped to do the buying based upon the factors listed in § 101-25.202, or must of necessity act as the central purchasing office when other agencies more appropriately suited to make central purchases do not do so and are not so directed by the President; and

(d) The head of another executive agency has not been delegated authority by the Administrator of General Services exclusively, or with specified limited exceptions, to make purchases and contracts for prescribed items or item groups of articles and services for the executive branch of the Government in accordance with §§ 101-25.202 and 101-25.204.

(e) GSA has issued appropriate regulations, or a Federal Supply Schedule, specifically designating the item or item groups of articles or services that fall within paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this § 101-25.203 that are thereafter to be purchased exclusively for all executive agencies, or with specified limited exceptions, by GSA.

§ 101-25.204 Centralized purchases by designated executive agencies under authority delegated by the Administrator of General Services.

Designated executive agencies will exclusively, or with specified limited exceptions, make purchases and contracts on a continuing basis for items or item groups of articles and services