

**SUBPART 217.78—CONTRACTS OR DELIVERY ORDERS ISSUED BY A NON-
DOD AGENCY**

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217.7800 Scope of subpart.

This subpart—

(a) Implements Section 854 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2005 (Pub. L. 108-375) and Section 801 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2008 (Pub. L. 110-181); and

(b) Prescribes policy for the acquisition of supplies and services through the use of contracts or orders issued by non-DoD agencies.

217.7801 Definitions.

As used in this subpart—

“Acquisition official” means—

(1) A DoD contracting officer; or

(2) Any other DoD official authorized to approve a direct acquisition or an assisted acquisition on behalf of DoD.

“Assisted acquisition” means the type of interagency contracting through which acquisition officials of a non-DoD agency award a contract or a task or delivery order for the acquisition of supplies or services on behalf of DoD.

“Direct acquisition” means the type of interagency contracting through which DoD orders a supply or service from a Governmentwide acquisition contract maintained by a non-DoD agency.

“Governmentwide acquisition contract” means a task or delivery order contract that—

(1) Is entered into by a non-defense agency; and

(2) May be used as the contract under which property or services are procured for one or more other departments or agencies of the Federal Government.

“Non-DoD agency” means any department or agency of the Federal Government other than DoD.

217.7802 Policy.

(a) A DoD acquisition official may place an order, make a purchase, or otherwise acquire supplies or services for DoD in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold through a non-DoD agency in any fiscal year only if the head of the non-DoD agency has certified that the non-DoD agency will comply with defense procurement requirements for the fiscal year to include applicable DoD financial management regulations.

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(1) This limitation shall not apply to the acquisition of supplies and services during any fiscal year for which there is in effect a written determination of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, that it is necessary in the interest of DoD to acquire supplies and services through the non-DoD agency during the fiscal year. A written determination with respect to a non-DoD agency shall apply to any category of acquisitions through the non-DoD agency that is specified in the determination.

(2) Non-DoD agency certifications and additional information are available at http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/cpic/cp/interagency_acquisition.html.

(b) Departments and agencies shall establish and maintain procedures for reviewing and approving orders placed for supplies and services under non-DoD contracts, whether through direct acquisition or assisted acquisition, when the amount of the order exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold. These procedures shall include—

(1) Evaluating whether using a non-DoD contract for the acquisition is in the best interest of DoD. Factors to be considered include—

- (i) Satisfying customer requirements;
- (ii) Schedule;
- (iii) Cost effectiveness (taking into account discounts and fees); and
- (iv) Contract administration (including oversight);

(2) Determining that the tasks to be accomplished or supplies to be provided are within the scope of the contract to be used;

(3) Reviewing funding to ensure that it is used in accordance with appropriation limitations;

(4) Providing unique terms, conditions, and requirements to the assisting agency for incorporation into the order or contract as appropriate to comply with all applicable DoD-unique statutes, regulations, directives, and other requirements; and

(5) Collecting and reporting data on the use of assisted acquisition for analysis. Follow the reporting requirements in Subpart 204.6.