

46.105 Contractor responsibilities.

(a) The contractor is responsible for carrying out its obligations under the contract by-

- (1) Controlling the quality of *supplies* or services;
- (2) Tendering to the Government for *acceptance* only those *supplies* or services that conform to contract requirements;
- (3) Ensuring that vendors or suppliers of raw materials, parts, *components*, subassemblies, etc., have an acceptable quality control system; and
- (4) Maintaining substantiating evidence, when required by the contract, that the *supplies* or services conform to *contract quality requirements*, and furnishing such information to the Government as required.

(b) The contractor *may* be required to provide and maintain an *inspection* system or program for the control of quality that is acceptable to the Government (see [46.202](#)).

(c) The control of quality by the contractor *may* relate to, but is not limited to-

- (1) Manufacturing processes, to ensure that the product is produced to, and meets, the contract's technical requirements;
- (2) Drawings, specifications, and engineering changes, to ensure that manufacturing methods and operations meet the contract's technical requirements;
- (3) *Testing* and examination, to ensure that practices and equipment provide the means for optimum evaluation of the characteristics subject to *inspection*;
- (4) Reliability and maintainability assessment (life, endurance, and continued readiness);
- (5) Fabrication and delivery of *products*, to ensure that only conforming *products* are tendered to the Government;
- (6) Technical documentation, including drawings, specifications, handbooks, manuals, and other technical publications;
- (7) Preservation, packaging, packing, and marking; and
- (8) Procedures and processes for services to ensure that services meet contract performance requirements.

(d) The contractor is responsible for performing all *inspections* and test required by the contract except those specifically reserved for performance by the Government (see [46.201\(c\)](#)).

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