

## 27.305-4 Protection of invention disclosures.

(a) The Government will, to the extent authorized by [35 U.S.C. 205](#), withhold from disclosure to the public any invention disclosures reported under the patent rights clauses of [52.227-11](#) or [52.227-13](#) for a reasonable time in order for patent applications to be filed. The Government will follow the policy in [27.302\(j\)](#) regarding protection of confidentiality.

(b) The Government *should* also use reasonable efforts to withhold from disclosure to the public for a reasonable time other information disclosing a *subject invention*. This information includes any data delivered pursuant to contract requirements provided that the contractor notifies the agency as to the identity of the data and the *subject invention* to which it relates at the time of delivery of the data. This notification *shall* be provided to both the *contracting officer* and to any patent representative to which the invention is reported, if other than the *contracting officer*.

(c) For more information on protection of invention disclosures, also see 37 CFR 401.13.

**Parent topic:** [27.305 Administration of patent rights clauses.](#)