

33.201 Definitions.

As used in this subpart-

Accrual of a claim means the date when all events, that fix the alleged liability of either the Government or the contractor and permit assertion of the *claim*, were known or *should* have been known. For liability to be fixed, some injury *must* have occurred. However, monetary damages need not have been incurred.

Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) means any type of procedure or combination of procedures voluntarily used to resolve issues in controversy. These procedures *may* include, but are not limited to, conciliation, facilitation, mediation, fact-finding, minitrials, arbitration, and use of ombudsmen.

Defective certification means a certificate which alters or otherwise deviates from the language in [33.207\(c\)](#) or which is not executed by a person authorized to bind the contractor with respect to the *claim*. Failure to certify *shall* not be deemed to be a *defective certification*.

Issue in controversy means a material disagreement between the Government and the contractor that-

- (1) *May* result in a *claim*; or
- (2) Is all or part of an existing *claim*.

Misrepresentation of fact means a false statement of substantive fact, or any conduct which leads to the belief of a substantive fact material to proper understanding of the matter in hand, made with intent to deceive or mislead.

Parent topic: [Subpart 33.2 - Disputes and Appeals](#)