

# Subpart 509.3 - First Article Testing and Approval

**Parent topic:** [Part 509 - Contractor Qualifications](#)

## 509.302 General.

(a) If first article testing and approval is required, GSA usually requires that the contractor perform testing and that the first article:

- (1) Be produced at the same facility where production quantities will be produced; and
- (2) Serve as the manufacturing standard.

(b) Coordinate the need for first article testing and approval with the Contract Operations Management Division (FXCC), which will provide the information to complete the clauses at FAR 52.209-3 or 52.209-4.

## 509.306 Solicitation requirements.

The clauses at FAR 52.209-3 and 52.209-4 do not cover all the solicitation requirements described in FAR 9.306. If a solicitation contains a testing and approval requirement, the contracting officer must address the requirements in FAR 9.306(d) and (f) through (j) in the solicitation's Section H, special contract requirements.