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## 510.001 Policy.

Consistent with the requirements of FAR [part 10](#) and [part 510](#), requiring activities and contracting officers shall use the results of market research to—

(a) Determine if existing sources (see FAR [part 8](#) and [part 508](#)) can meet the requirement. The use of existing sources shall include consideration of category management requirements (see [subpart 507.71](#)).

(1) Contracting officers may contact the GSA AbilityOne Representative (ABOR) team at [GSAABOR@gsa.gov](mailto:GSAABOR@gsa.gov) for assistance with determining whether the acquisition should use the AbilityOne program (see FAR [subpart 8.7](#) and [subpart 508.7](#)) or include FAR clause [52.208-9](#) (see FAR [8.005](#) and [508.005](#)).

(b) Determine if subcontracting possibilities exist. Subcontracting opportunities may include the use of AbilityOne Nonprofit Agencies (NPAs) (see FAR [subpart 8.7](#) and [subpart 508.7](#)). Contracting officers may contact the GSA ABOR team at [GSAABOR@gsa.gov](mailto:GSAABOR@gsa.gov) for assistance with identifying subcontracting opportunities for NPAs.

(c) Determine the use of any of the small businesses programs in accordance with FAR [part 19](#) or use of any strategies to provide opportunities to small businesses.

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