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# Subpart 517.1 - Multi-year Contracting

**Parent topic:** [Part 517 - Special Contracting Methods](#)

## 517.101 Authority.

(a) In addition to the multi-year authority described in FAR 17.101, GSA is authorized to enter into contracts for periods not to exceed—

(1) Five years for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of fixed building equipment in federally owned buildings ([40 U.S.C. 581\(c\)\(6\)](#)); or

(2) Ten years for public utility services ([40 U.S.C. 501\(b\)\(1\)\(B\)](#)).

(b) Contracting officers may award contracts under the authority of paragraph (a)(1) or paragraph (a)(2) of this section without a cancellation clause.

## 517.103 Definitions.

“Fixed equipment in federally-owned buildings” means all GSA mechanical equipment, including heating/cooling (geothermal), ventilation, electrical (wind/photovoltaic), elevator, escalator, and fire safety systems, components, and devices.

## 517.109 Contract clause.

Use of the FAR clause at [52.217-2](#) is optional in multi-year contracts authorized by—

(a) [40 U.S.C. 581\(c\)\(6\)](#) for the inspection, maintenance, and repair of fixed equipment in a federally-owned building; and

(b) [40 U.S.C. 501\(b\)\(1\)\(B\)](#) for public utility services.