

1.602-1 Authority.

(a) *Contracting officers* have authority to enter into, administer, or terminate contracts and make related determinations and findings. *Contracting officers* may bind the Government only to the extent of the authority delegated to them. *Contracting officers* shall receive from the appointing authority (see [1.603-1](#)) clear instructions *in writing* regarding the limits of their authority. Information on the limits of the *contracting officers'* authority shall be readily available to the public and agency personnel.

(b) No contract *shall* be entered into unless the *contracting officer* ensures that all requirements of law, executive orders, regulations, and all other applicable procedures, including clearances and approvals, have been met.

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