

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement

Part 222—Application of Labor Laws to Government Acquisitions

SUBPART 222.1--BASIC LABOR POLICIES

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222.101 Labor relations.

222.101-1 General.

(a) Contracting offices shall—

(i) Obtain departmental approval before contacting a national office of a labor organization, a Government agency headquarters, or any other organization on a labor relations matter;

(ii) Notify departmental headquarters as required in departmental procedures when contacted by the national office of any labor organization or Government agency headquarters;

(iii) Obtain the approval of the agency head on major policy decisions regarding labor relations matters such as recommendations for plant seizure or injunctive action relating to potential or actual work stoppages; and

(iv) Submit questions involving FAR Part 22 or other contractor labor relations matters to the labor advisor.

222.101-3 Reporting labor disputes.

The contract administration office shall—

(1) Notify the labor advisor, the contracting officer, and the head of the contracting activity when interference is likely; and

(2) Disseminate information on labor disputes in accordance with departmental procedures.

222.101-3-70 Impact of labor disputes on defense programs.

(a) Each department and agency shall determine the degree of impact of potential or actual labor disputes on its own programs and requirements. In making these determinations, consider, for example—

(1) Whether the dispute involves a product, project (including construction), or service which must be obtained in order to meet schedules for urgently needed military programs or requirements; and

(2) Whether alternative sources of supply for the product, project, or service are reasonably available to fulfill the requirement or program in time to maintain essential military schedules.

(b) Each contracting activity involved shall obtain and develop data reflecting the impact of a labor dispute on its requirements and programs. Upon determining the impact, the head of the contracting activity shall submit a report of findings and recommendations to the labor advisor. This reporting requirement is assigned Report

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Control Symbol DD-ACQ (AR) 1153. The report must be in narrative form and must include—

- (1) Location of dispute and name of contractor or subcontractor involved;
 - (2) A description of the impact, including how the specific items or services affect the specific programs or requirements;
 - (3) Identity of alternate sources available to furnish the supply or service within the time required; and
 - (4) A description of any action taken to reduce the impact.
- (c) The head of the contracting activity shall submit impact reports to the agency head when—
- (1) Specifically requested; or
 - (2) The department or agency considers the impact to be of sufficient urgency to warrant the attention of the agency head.
- (d) The labor advisor will expand the report submitted under paragraph (c) of this subsection by addressing the following, as appropriate—
- (1) *Description of military program, project, or service.* Identify item, project, or service which will be or is being affected by the work stoppage. Describe its normal use and current functions in combat, combat support, or deterrent operations. For components or raw materials, identify the end item(s) for which they are used.
 - (2) *Requirements and assets.* Identify requirements and assets in appropriate detail in terms commonly used by the DoD component.
 - (i) For production programs, include requirements for each using military service. Where applicable, state in detail production schedule, inventory objectives, assets against these objectives, and critical shortages. For spares and highly expendable items, such as ground and air ammunition, show usage (consumption) rates and assets in absolute terms and in terms of daily, weekly, or monthly supplies. For components, include requirements for spares.
 - (ii) For projects, describe the potential adverse effects of a delay in meeting schedules, and its impact on the national security.
 - (iii) For services, describe how a loss or interruption affects the ability to support Defense operations in terms of traffic requirements, assets, testing programs, etc.
 - (3) *Possible measures to minimize strike impact.* Describe—
 - (i) Capabilities, if any, to substitute items or to use alternate sources and indicate the number of other facilities available and the relative capabilities of such facilities in meeting total requirements;

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(ii) How much time would be required to replace the loss of the facilities or service affected by a work stoppage; and

(iii) The feasibility of transferring assets from theater to theater to relieve deficits in some areas of urgency.

(4) *Conclusion.*

(i) Describe the impact on operations of a 15-30, 30-60, and a 60-90 day work stoppage.

(ii) Project the degree of criticality of a program, project, or service resulting from a work stoppage on a calendar basis, indicating the increased impact, if any, as the stoppage lengthens. Criticality is measured by the number of days required for the work stoppage to have an effect on operational capability. This time must be stated in terms of days.

222.101-4 Removal of items from contractors' facilities affected by work stoppages.

(a) When a contractor is unable to deliver urgent and critical items because of a work stoppage at its facility, the contracting officer, before removing any items from the facility, shall—

(i) Before initiating any action, contact the labor advisor to obtain the opinion of the national office of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service or other mediation agency regarding the effect movement of the items would have on labor negotiations. Normally removals will not be made if they will adversely affect labor negotiations.

(ii) Upon the recommendation of the labor advisor, provide a written request for removal of the material to the cognizant contract administration office. Include the following information in the request—

(A) Contract number;

(B) A statement as to the urgency and criticality of the item needed;

(C) A description of the items to be moved (nature of the item, amount, approximate weight and cubic feet, item number, etc.);

(D) Mode of transportation by which the items are to be moved, if different than in the contract, and whether by Government or commercial bill of lading; and

(E) Destination of the material, if different from that specified in the contract.

(iii) With the assistance of the labor advisor or the commander of the contract administration office, attempt to have both the management and the labor representatives involved agree to shipment of the material by normal means.

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(iv) If agreement for removal of the needed items cannot be reached following the procedures in paragraphs (a)(i) through (iii) of this subsection, the commander of the contract administration office, after obtaining approval from the labor advisor, may seek the concurrence of the parties to the dispute to permit movement of the material by military vehicles with military personnel. On receipt of such concurrences, the commander may proceed to make necessary arrangements to move the material.

(v) If agreement for removal of the needed items cannot be reached following any of the procedures in paragraphs (a)(i) through (iv) of this subsection, refer the matter to the labor advisor with the information required by 222.101-3-70(b). If the labor advisor is unsuccessful in obtaining concurrence of the parties for the movement of the material and further action to obtain the material is deemed necessary, refer the matter to the agency head. Upon review and verification that the items are urgently or critically needed and cannot be moved with the consent of the parties, the agency head, on a nondelegable basis, may order removal of the items from the facility.

222.101-70 Acquisition of stevedoring services during labor disputes.

(a) Use the following procedures only in the order listed when a labor dispute delays performance of a contract for stevedoring services which are urgently needed.

(1) Attempt to have management and labor voluntarily agree to exempt military supplies from the labor dispute by continuing the movement of such material.

(2) Divert vessels to alternate ports able to provide necessary stevedoring services.

(3) Consider contracting with reliable alternative sources of supply within the stevedoring industry.

(4) Utilize civil service stevedores to perform the work performed by contract stevedores.

(5) Utilize military personnel to handle the cargo which was being handled by contract stevedores prior to the labor dispute.

(b) Notify the labor advisor when a deviation from the procedures in paragraph (a) of this subsection is required.

222.102 Federal and State labor requirements.

222.102-1 Policy.

(1) The Department of Labor is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) . Contracting officers shall—

(i) Direct all inquiries from contractors or contractor employees regarding the applicability or interpretation of the OSHA regulations to the Department of Labor; and

(ii) Upon request, provide the address of the appropriate field office of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the Department of Labor.

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(2) Do not initiate any application for the suspension or relaxation of labor requirements without prior coordination with the labor advisor.

222.103 Overtime.

222.103-4 Approvals.

(a) The department/agency approving official shall—

(i) Obtain the concurrence of other appropriate approving officials; and

(ii) Seek agreement as to the contracts under which overtime premiums will be approved when—

(A) Two or more contracting offices have current contracts at the same contractor facility; and

(B) The approval of overtime by one contracting office will affect the performance or cost of contracts of another office. In the absence of evidence to the contrary, a contracting officer may rely on a contractor's statement that approval of overtime premium pay for one contract will not affect performance or payments under any other contract.