



ACQUISITION LETTER

This Acquisition Letter (AL) is issued by the Procurement Executive pursuant to a delegation from the Secretary and under the authority of the Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation (DEAR) Subpart 901.301-70.

CONTENT

CITATION

TITLE

DEAR 952.212-73

Project Control System

- I. Purpose. The purpose of this AL is to provide guidance to contracting activities for the use of revised DEAR clause 952.212-73, Project Control System.
- II. Background. The Department of Energy (DOE) previously used the Cost and Schedule Control System Criteria (CSCSC) to evaluate management systems on selected contracts. DOE Notice 4700.5, Project Control System Guidelines (Notice), revised the method for applying control systems to the management of projects by expanding upon and replacing the CSCSC. The new approach emphasizes technical and schedule baseline controls in addition to cost control. DOE Order 2250.1D, Cost and Schedule Control Systems Criteria, was canceled with the issuance of DOE Notice 4700.5.
- III. Guidance. DOE Project Managers are responsible for determining the applicability of the Project Control System and the extent to which the requirements of the Notice will be utilized in individual contracts. Project Managers will have the flexibility to tailor requirements, encourage formulation of customized project control strategies for each project or group of projects, and emphasize the appropriate degree of application for each guideline element to effectively control technical, schedule, and cost risks.

DOE Contracting Officers shall, in consultation with Project Managers, include the clause at 952.212-73, Project Control System, in those contracts identified by the Project Manager as suitable for the requirements of the Notice. Existing contracts shall be modified to include the clause as appropriate.