

PART 932—CONTRACT FINANCING

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932.000 Scope.

This part implements and supplements FAR Part 32 for Department of Energy (DOE) and National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) acquisitions. All FAR references in this part are to be read as implemented through the DOE and NNSA class deviations that implemented the Revolutionary FAR Overhaul at DOE and NNSA.

932.006 [Reserved]

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Subpart 932.1—Financing for Other Than a Commercial Purchase

932.102 Description of contract financing methods.

(e)(2) The Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) may approve progress payments based on a percentage or stage of completion if it is determined that progress payments based on costs is not practical and that there are adequate safeguards in place to properly administer such progress payments.

Subpart 932.3—Loan Guarantees for Defense Production

932.304 Procedures.

932.304-2 Certificate of eligibility.

(h) Only the Secretary or a designated official for this purpose may approve or send guaranteed loan applications to the Federal Reserve Bank.

Subpart 932.4—Advance Payments for Other Than Commercial Acquisitions

932.402 General.

(e)(1) The HCA, or a designated official, is responsible for making findings and determinations and approving contract terms concerning advance payments.

(2) Before approving any advance payment arrangements, the approving official should obtain input and advice from the servicing finance office.

932.407 Interest.

(d)(4) Advance payments can be made without charging interest under cost-reimbursement contracts for construction or engineering services.

Subpart 932.5—Progress Payments Based on Costs

932.501 General

932.501-2 Unusual progress payments.

(a)(3) For the Department of Energy (DOE), the HCA will forward all favorable requests, with supporting information, to the DOE Senior Procurement Executive (SPE), who will approve or deny the request after coordination with the Chief Financial Officer, Headquarters. For NNSA, the NNSA SPE will coordinate with the NNSA Chief Financial Officer before approving or denying the request.

(d) Requests for unusual progress payments will not be considered a disadvantage in proposal evaluation, as long as the bid or proposal is not conditioned on approval of such request.

Subpart 932.6—Contract Debts

932.602 Responsibilities.

The contracting officer is responsible for determining the amount of contract debt owed to the Government and notifying the servicing finance office of the debt. The servicing finance office that processes contract payments is responsible for collecting the debt.

Subpart 932.8—Assignment of Claims

932.803 Policies.

(d) For prime contracts, if DOE determines that contract financing will help achieve program goals, it is DOE policy that these contracts include, or be amended without consideration (see Assignment of Claims Act of 1940) to state, consistent with FAR 32.804, that payments to an assignee will not be reduced or offset. For subcontracts, if contract financing (e.g., loans) is provided for work under DOE prime contracts, financing institutions or the Government (when acting as guarantor) should not be exposed to the risks of losing funds because assigned subcontract payments are diverted to cover unrelated claims by the prime contractor. HCAs must ensure that DOE prime contractors apply these policies to their subcontracts. If a DOE contractor refuses to follow these policies, the HCA should notify the Chief Financial Officer, Headquarters with the reasons given to support the contractor's position.

Subpart 932.9—Prompt Payment

932.970 Implementing DOE policies and procedures.

(a) Invoice payments—

(1) *Contract settlement date.* For cost-reimbursement contracts, the effective date of contract settlement is the date of the final contract modification that confirms the settlement and closes out the contract. This date is to be used for determining any interest penalties.

(2) *Constructive acceptance periods.* If the contracting officer determines in writing that DOE cannot reasonably complete acceptance or approval within the standard timeframe, the contracting officer may set a longer constructive acceptance or approval period. This decision should consider factors such as the type of supplies or services, location, inspection and testing requirements, shipping and acceptance terms, and available DOE resources.

(b) *Accelerated payments to limit contractor working capital requirements.* A payment due date shorter than the standard under the Prompt Payment Act may be set, if it is determined, in writing, on a case-by-case basis, that a shorter payment cycle will benefit the Government by reducing the contractor's working capital requirements. In such cases, the contracting officer should coordinate with finance and program officials involved in the payment process to ensure that the payment terms included in solicitations and resulting contracts provide sufficient time to properly review invoices before payment. Consideration should be given to geographical distance, workload, the contractor's ability

to submit proper invoices, and other factors that could affect timing of payment. If the contract specifies payment due dates that are earlier than those required by the Prompt Payment Act, it must also allow the contracting officer to unilaterally authorize additional time if needed to properly review invoices before payment. Payment due dates that are less than seven days for progress payments or less than 14 days for interim payments on cost-reimbursement contracts are not authorized.

932.971 Electronic submission of invoices/vouchers.

In general, contracting officers should insert the clause at 952.232-7, Electronic Submission of Invoices/Vouchers, in contracts. If needed, approve alternate methods of submission after consulting with the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

PART 952—SOLICITATION PROVISIONS AND CONTRACT CLAUSES

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[Subpart 952.2—Text of Provisions and Clauses](#)

[952.232-7 Electronic submission of invoices/vouchers.](#)

952.232-7 Electronic submission of invoices/vouchers.

As prescribed at 932.971, insert the following clause:

Electronic Submission of Invoices/Vouchers (DEVIATION MAY 2026)

Contractors will submit vouchers electronically using the DOE CFO Office of Finance and Accounting's) Vendor Inquiry Payment Electronic Reporting System (VIPERS). VIPERS allows vendors to submit vouchers, attach supporting documentation and check payment status of any voucher submitted to DOE. Instructions for enrolling and using VIPERS are available at <https://vipers.doe.gov>.

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