

## Federal Property Management Regulations

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consideration with economic and technical issues in decisionmaking. Action should include a continuing review of the FEDERAL REGISTER and issuances promulgated by the Federal regulatory agencies for guidance applicable to the procurement, use, and disposal of items that are known to contain components or to possess qualities that have an adverse impact on the environment or that result in creating unsafe or unhealthy working conditions.

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### § 101-25.112 Energy conservation policy.

(a) Agency officials responsible for procurement, management, and disposal of personal property and nonpersonal services shall ensure that pertinent procurement and property management documents reflect the policy set forth in paragraph (b) of this section, which has been established pursuant to Public Law 94-163, Energy Policy and Conservation Act.

(b) With respect to the procurement or lease of personal property or nonpersonal services, which in operation consume energy or contribute to the conservation of energy, executive agencies shall promote energy conservation and energy efficiency by being responsive to the energy efficiency and/or conservation standards or goals prescribed by the U.S. Government.

[43 FR 8800, Mar. 3, 1978]

### § 101-25.113 [Reserved]

### § 101-25.114 Supply management surveys and assistance.

Under the provisions of 40 U.S.C. 487, the General Services Administration will perform surveys and/or reviews of Government property and property management practices of executive agencies. These surveys or reviews will be conducted by the Federal Supply Service in connection with regular surveys and studies of agency supply management practices or when providing assistance in the development of agency property accounting systems. Written reports of findings and recommendations will be provided to agency heads.

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## Subpart 101-25.2—Interagency Purchase Assignments

SOURCE: 29 FR 15991, Dec. 1, 1964, unless otherwise noted.

### § 101-25.201 General.

(a) This subpart prescribes the basic policy for interagency purchase assignments within the executive branch of the Government. It is directly applicable to executive agencies and concerns other Federal agencies in their purchasing from, through, or under contracts made by executive agencies.

(b) The term *purchase assignment* as used in this subpart shall normally be considered to include performance of the following functions:

(1) Arranging with requiring agencies for phased submission of requirements and procurement requisitions.

(2) Soliciting and analyzing bids and negotiating, awarding, and executing contracts.

(3) General contract administration.

(4) Arranging for inspection and delivery.

(5) Promotion of a maximum practicable degree of standardization in specifications and establishment of Federal Specifications, when possible, in accordance with applicable regulations.

(c) Notice of purchase assignments and applicable delegations of authority, made under the provisions of this subpart 101-25.2, shall be furnished to the General Accounting Office by GSA.

### § 101-25.202 Factors to be used to determine assignment of purchase responsibility.

With their consent or upon direction of the President, executive agencies will be designated and authorized by the Administrator of General Services exclusively, or with specified limited exceptions, to make purchases and contracts on a continuing basis for items or item groups of articles and services for the executive branch of the Government, after due consideration of the following factors, weighted as appropriate:

(a) Current or potential predominant use or consumption by a given agency.

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(b) Availability of funds to carry out the assignment on a Government-wide basis or with limited exceptions.

(c) Specialized personnel, or the nucleus of such personnel, regularly employed by the agency, such as scientific, research, and operating technicians, especially qualified or experienced in specification writing, buying, inspecting, testing, using, installing, or operating a particular item or group of items.

(d) Custodianship and operation of special facilities such as research and testing laboratories and inspection or testing stations and devices.

(e) Actual or potential qualifications and experience of agency purchasing and contracting officials and their operating units with due regard to adequacy of staff.

(f) Past experience of the agency in performing services to other agencies on an informal or joint cooperative basis.

(g) Relations of the agency with the industry involved.

(h) Physical proximity of the agency purchasing office or offices to the requirement-compiling elements of the principal using agencies.

(i) Physical location of the agency purchasing office or offices in relation to market areas.

(j) Physical proximity of the agency purchasing offices in relation to engineering or design offices, in the interest of speed in processing modifications in design and specifications, and also reviewing bids for specifications compliance.

(k) Relative interest of agency heads in receiving the purchase assignment and specific requests of agency heads to do the buying of a given item or group of items on a Government-wide basis.

**§ 101-25.203 Centralized purchases by GSA.**

GSA will exclusively, or with specified limited exceptions, make purchases and contracts on a continuing basis for articles and services for the executive branch of the Government in the interest of lower prices, improved quality, and service or standardization when:

(a) The item or item groups of articles and services are items of “common-use” which are defined as items of standard commercial production or items covered by Federal Specifications commonly used by both civilian and military activities, or by two or more civilian activities, and not requiring such substantial alterations to adapt them to military or other particular application as to render inclusion in a centralized purchasing program impracticable; or

(b) A number of agencies, representing the majority users according to dollar volume, request GSA to make purchases and contracts exclusively for a given item or item groups of articles and services even though not “common-use” items as defined in § 101-25.203(a); and

(c) GSA is best equipped to do the buying based upon the factors listed in § 101-25.202, or must of necessity act as the central purchasing office when other agencies more appropriately suited to make central purchases do not do so and are not so directed by the President; and

(d) The head of another executive agency has not been delegated authority by the Administrator of General Services exclusively, or with specified limited exceptions, to make purchases and contracts for prescribed items or item groups of articles and services for the executive branch of the Government in accordance with §§ 101-25.202 and 101-25.204.

(e) GSA has issued appropriate regulations, or a Federal Supply Schedule, specifically designating the item or item groups of articles or services that fall within paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this § 101-25.203 that are thereafter to be purchased exclusively for all executive agencies, or with specified limited exceptions, by GSA.

**§ 101-25.204 Centralized purchases by designated executive agencies under authority delegated by the Administrator of General Services.**

Designated executive agencies will exclusively, or with specified limited exceptions, make purchases and contracts on a continuing basis for items or item groups of articles and services