(9) Determining in the case of direct ordering that the chosen acquisition vehicle is the best way to obtain the required product or service, if a vehicle other than those listed in 317.7002(b) is proposed.

(c) The HCA or designee (not lower than the CCO) shall establish standard lead-times for processing various types of acquisitions and applicable fiscal year deadlines for receipt of requirements to allow for well-planned and timely awards. The Project Officer shall initiate planning, to the extent possible, for certain requirements, such as major capital IT investments, major capital construction investments, and R & D projects that require peer review, at least 24 months before planned award, given the clearance/approval requirements and lead-time required for such complex acquisitions.

(d) The outcome of the discussions referenced in paragraph (b) above shall be an agreement concerning the acquisition approach and documentation required. For those actions that require development of a written AP—see 307.7101, for which the Project Officer has ultimate responsibility, these discussions shall also result in an agreement concerning—

(1) Which elements of the AP the Contracting Officer will assist the Project Officer in preparing; and

(2) The date (as specified in the milestone schedule) the Project Officer will provide the AP to the CCO or designee.

307.105 Contents of written acquisition plans.

FAR 7.105 specifies the content requirements of a written AP. Subpart 307.71 incorporates and supplements those requirements.

307.108–70 Telecommuting of contractor employees.

(a) SOWs/PWSs shall permit offerors or contractors to specify their own place(s) of performance (hence authorize their employees to telecommute), except as follows:

307.104–70 Acquisition strategy.

Program and Project Managers responsible for major IT capital investments (and for any other investments designated by the HHS CIO, DASFMP, the CAO or the cognizant HCA) shall prepare an acquisition strategy using the HHS acquisition strategy template. The template for the acquisition strategy is available on the ASFR/OGAPA/DA Internet Web site. Program and Project Managers must initiate the acquisition strategy for major IT capital investments as part of the planned investment’s business case, usually during the Enterprise Performance Life Cycle concept phase.