

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL

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486(c).

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otherwise noted.

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This part presents basic policies and
general information about the Depart-

ment of Agriculture's (USDA) Acquisi-
tion Regulation, subsequently referred
to as the AGAR. The AGAR is an inte-
gral part of the Federal Acquisition
Regulations System.

Subpart 401.1—Purpose, Authority, Issuance

401.101 Purpose.

(a) The AGAR provides for the codi-
fication and publication of uniform
policies and procedures for acquisitions
by contracting activities within USDA.

(b) The purpose of the AGAR is to
implement the Federal Acquisition
Regulation (FAR), where further im-
plementation is needed, and to supple-
ment the FAR when coverage is needed
for subject matter not covered in the
FAR. The AGAR is not by itself a com-
plete document, as it must be used in
conjunction with the FAR.

401.103 Authority.

The AGAR and amendments thereto
are issued under 5 U.S.C. 301 and 40
U.S.C. 486(c). The Senior Procurement
Executive (SPE) has the delegated au-
thority to promulgate Departmental
acquisition regulations.

401.104 Applicability.

The FAR and AGAR apply to all
USDA acquisitions of supplies and
services (including construction) which
obligate appropriated funds, unless
otherwise specified in this chapter or
excepted by law.

401.105 Issuance.

401.105-1 Publication and code ar- rangement.

(a) The AGAR is codified in the Code
of Federal Regulations (CFR) as Chap-
ter 4 of Title 48, Federal Acquisition
Regulations System, to implement and
supplement Chapter 1 which con-
stitutes the FAR. Parts 400 through 499
have been assigned to USDA by the Of-
fice of the Federal Register.

(b) The AGAR and its subsequent
changes are published in: