(B) Does not exceed one year in length; and
(C) Is incrementally funded using funds available (unexpired) as of the date the funds are obligated; or
(iii) The contract uses funds available from multiple (2 or more) fiscal years and Congress has otherwise authorized incremental funding.
(2) An incrementally funded fixed-price contract shall be fully funded as soon as funds are available.

2432.704 Limitation of cost or funds.

(B) The contracting officer may enter into a contract, exercise an option, or place an order under a contract for severable services for a period that begins in one fiscal year and ends in the next fiscal year if the period of the contract awarded, option exercised, or order placed does not exceed one year.

2432.705 Contract clauses.

2432.705–70 Clause for limitation of Government’s obligation.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 2452.232–72, “Limitation of Government’s Obligation,” in solicitations and resultant incrementally funded fixed-price contracts as authorized by 2432.703–1. The contracting officer shall insert the information required in the table in paragraph (b) and the notification period in paragraph (c) of the clause.

Subpart 2432.9—Prompt Payment

2432.903 Policy.

(a) The Senior Procurement Executive is the agency head’s designee for the purposes of FAR 32.903(a).

2432.906 Making payments.

(a) General. The authority to make the determination prescribed in FAR 32.906(a) is delegated to the HCA. Before making this determination, the HCA shall consult with the appropriate payment office to ensure that procedures are in place to permit timely payment.

2432.908 Contract clauses.

(c)(1) The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 2452.232–73, Constructive Acceptance Period, in solicitations and contracts when the contracting officer has determined that an acceptance period longer than the 7 days provided for in the FAR clause at 52.232–23, “Prompt Payment,” is needed.
(2) The contracting officer shall insert a clause substantially the same as provided at 2452.232–70, Payment Schedule and Invoice Submission (Fixed-price), in fixed-price contracts other than performance-based contracts under which performance-based payments will be used.

(3) The contracting officer shall insert a clause substantially the same as provided at 2452.232–71, Voucher Submission, in all cost-reimbursement, time-and-materials, and labor-hour type solicitations and contracts. The contracting officer shall insert the billing period agreed upon with the contractor (see also the FAR clause at 52.216–7, “Allowable Cost and Payment”).

(4) The Contracting Officer may substitute appropriate language for the clauses in paragraph (c)(2) and (3) of this clause when payment under the contract will be made on the basis of other than the submission of an invoice or voucher; e.g., directly from proceeds of property sales.

Subpart 2433.1—Protests

2433.102 General.

2433.102–70 Responsibility.

With the exception of protests filed directly with the Department pursuant to FAR 33.103, the Office of General Counsel has responsibility for handling matters relating to protests against award of contracts by the Department. All written communications from the Department to the GAO or other adjudicating body shall be made by the Office of General Counsel. The Contracting Officer has responsibility for furnishing the Office of General Counsel with all information relating to a protest.

2433.103 Protests to the agency.

(d)(2) Appeals of Contracting Officer protest decisions shall include the information required at FAR 33.103(d)(2)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v) and (vi).

(d)(4)(i) Protesters may request an appeal of the Contracting Officer’s decision on a protest. Such requests shall be made in writing to the cognizant HCA not later than 10 days after receipt of the Contracting Officer’s decision.

(ii) The HCA, in consultation with the Office of General Counsel, shall make all independent reviews of the Contracting Officer’s decision requested by protesters in accordance with FAR 33.103(d)(4) and provide the protester with the HCA’s decision on the appeal.

(f)(1) A determination by the Contracting Officer to award a contract pending resolution of a protest as authorized by FAR 33.103 shall be approved by the HCA in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.

(f)(3) A determination by the Contracting Officer to not suspend performance of a contract pending resolution of a protest as authorized by FAR 33.103 shall be approved by the HCA in consultation with the Office of General Counsel.