

Department of Agriculture

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enter into a contract on behalf of the Government.

(b) Procedures are in accordance with the USDA Contracting Desk Book, Part 401.602–3.

401.603 Selection, appointment, and termination of appointment for contracting officers.

401.603–1 General.

The SPE may delegate contracting authority to the extent authorized by general written delegation of acquisition authority appointing qualified individuals as contracting officers, in accordance with selection and appointment procedures as stated in the USDA Contracting Desk Book.

PART 402—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

Subpart 402.1—Definitions

Sec.

402.101 Definitions.

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301 and 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

SOURCE: 89 FR 81015, Oct. 7, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

Subpart 402.1—Definitions

402.101 Definitions.

Acquisition official means an individual who has been delegated authority to manage or to exercise acquisition functions and responsibilities.

Agency head or head of the agency means the Secretary of Agriculture (Secretary), Deputy Secretary, or the Assistant Secretary for Administration (ASA).

Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA) means the official with overall responsibility of one or more USDA contracting activities.

Mission Area senior contracting official means the official designated by the Senior Procurement Executive or Head of the Contracting Activity with specific responsibilities within an individual Mission Area's contracting activity.

Senior Procurement Executive (SPE) means the agency official appointed as such by the Head of the Agency pursuant to Executive Order 12931. The Di-

rector, Office of Contracting and Procurement, has been designated as the USDA SPE.

PART 403—IMPROPER BUSINESS PRACTICES AND PERSONAL CONFLICTS

Subpart 403.1—Safeguards

Sec.

403.101 Standards of conduct.

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301 and 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

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Subpart 403.1—Safeguards

403.101 Standards of conduct.

(a) The standards of conduct for USDA procurement officials are the uniform standards established by the Office of Government Ethics in 5 CFR part 2635, Standards of Ethical Conduct for Employees of the Executive Branch, and FAR 3.104, Procurement Integrity.

(b) Procurement officials and other employees who require advice concerning the application of standards of conduct to any acquisition issue shall obtain opinions from the USDA Office of Ethics or the ethics advisory officials within their agency.

PART 404—ADMINISTRATIVE AND INFORMATION MATTERS

Subpart 404.8—Government Contract Files

Sec.

404.804 Closeout of contract files.

Subpart 404.13—Personal Identity Verification

404.1303 Contract clause.

AUTHORITY: 5 U.S.C. 301 and 40 U.S.C. 486(c).

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Subpart 404.8—Government Contract Files

404.804 Closeout of contract files.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at AGAR 452.204–70, Modification for Contract Closeout, in all