

SUBCHAPTER A—GENERAL

PART 500 [RESERVED]

PART 501—GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION ACQUISITION REGULATION SYSTEM

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Subpart 501.1—Purpose, Authority, Issuance

501.101 Purpose.

(a) The General Services Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) contains agency acquisition policies and practices, contract clauses, solicitation provisions, and forms that control the relationship between GSA and contractors and prospective contractors.

(b) GSAR address rules directly to you, the contracting officer, unless otherwise indicated.

501.103 Authority.

GSA's Senior Procurement Executive issues the GSAR under the authority of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended.

501.104 Applicability.

(a) *General.* The GSAR applies to contracts for suppliers or services, including construction.

(b) *Acquisition of leasehold interests in real property.* Part 570 establishes rules for the acquisition of leasehold interests in real property. Other provisions of 48 CFR chapter 5 (GSAR) do not apply to leases of real property unless specifically cross-reference in part 570.

(c) *Relationship to state.* Some GSAR rules implement and interpret laws and other authorities affecting procurement. A GSAR rule specifically directed by statute has the force and effect of law.

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501.105 Issuance.

501.105-1 Publication and code arrangement.

The GSAR is published in the following sources:

(a) The FEDERAL REGISTER at <https://www.federalregister.gov/>.

(b) Annual Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), as Chapter 5 of Title 48.

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501.105-2 Arrangement of regulations.

(a) The GSAR numbers and captions policies and procedures to correspond to how they appear in the FAR, e.g., 1.104 in the FAR is 501.104 in the GSAR.

(b) GSAR rules not implementing the FAR have numbers beginning with 70, e.g., part 570, subsection 515.209-70.

(c) The GSAR may have gaps in its numbering scheme because a FAR rule may not require GSAR implementation.

501.105-3 Copies.

Copies of the GSAR may be purchased from the Government Printing Office at <https://www.gpo.gov/>. The GSAR is also available electronically at <https://www.ecfr.gov/> or at <https://www.acquisition.gov> under the agency supplements tab.

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501.106 OMB approval under the Paperwork Reduction Act.

The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 35, *et seq.*) imposes a requirement on Federal agencies to obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) before collecting information from 10 or more members of the public. The information collection

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and recordkeeping requirements contained in this section have been approved by the OMB. This table includes OMB approved control numbers from GSA (3090 series) and the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) (9000 series) that are applicable to GSA acquisition requirements. The following OMB control numbers apply:

[86 FR 21664, Apr. 23, 2021, as amended at 86 FR 34978, July 1, 2021; 87 FR 7394, Feb. 9, 2022; 88 FR 53812, Aug. 9, 2023; 89 FR 63327, Aug. 5, 2024]

PART 502—DEFINITIONS OF WORDS AND TERMS

AUTHORITY: 40 U.S.C. 121(c).

Subpart 502.1—Definitions

502.101 Definitions.

Commercial supplier agreements means terms and conditions customarily offered to the public by vendors of supplies or services that meets the definition of “commercial products and commercial services” set forth in FAR 2.101 and intended to create a binding legal obligation on the end user. Commercial supplier agreements are particularly common in information technology acquisitions, including acquisitions of commercial computer software and commercial technical data, but they may apply to any products or service. The term applies—

(a) Regardless of the format or style of the document. For example, a commercial supplier agreement may be styled as standard terms of sale or lease, Terms of Service (TOS), End User License Agreement (EULA), or another similar legal instrument or agreement, and may be presented as part of a proposal or quotation responding to a solicitation for a contract or order;

(b) Regardless of the media or delivery mechanism used. For example, a commercial supplier agreement may be presented as one or more paper documents or may appear on a computer or other electronic device screen during a purchase, software installation, other product delivery, registration for a service, or another transaction.

Economic price adjustment (EPA) method means the agreed upon procedure by which pricing may be adjusted throughout the contract period to include, but not limited to, the mechanism(s) to be used to adjust pricing (e.g., adjustments based on established pricing), the pricing subject to adjustment, and any other requirements (e.g., timing, frequency, limits on increases).

TABLE 1 TO 501.106

GSAR reference	OMB control No.
509.105–1	3090–0007
511.171	3090–0300
511.204(c)	3090–0246
512.301	3090–0163
514.201–1	3090–0163
515.209–70(b)	3090–0163
515.408	3090–0235
516.506	3090–0248, 3090–0306
523.370	3090–0205
532.905–70	3090–0080
538.273	3090–0163, 3090–0235, 3090–0250, 3090–0262, 3090–0303, 3090–0306
542.1107	3090–0027
546.302–71	3090–0027
552.211–13(a)	9000–0026
552.211–70(b)	9000–0058
552.211–77	3090–0246
552.215–73	3090–0163
552.216–72	3090–0248
552.216–73	3090–0248
552.216–75	3090–0306
552.223–72	3090–0205
552.232–5	3090–0080, 9000–0070, 9000–0102
552.232–72	3090–0080
552.236–15	9000–0058
552.236–72	3090–0308
552.236–79	3090–0320
552.236–80	9000–0034
552.238–72	3090–0163
552.238–73	3090–0250
552.238–78	3090–0262
552.238–80	3090–0235, 3090–0306
552.238–81	3090–0235, 3090–0306
552.238–82	3090–0302
552.238–83	3090–0235, 3090–0306
552.238–84	3090–0303
552.238–85	3090–0235, 3090–0306
552.238–87	3090–0303
552.238–95	3090–0303
552.238–96	3090–0303
552.238–97	3090–0303
552.238–99	3090–0303
552.238–111	3090–0303
552.238–120	3090–0235, 3090–0306
552.239–70	3090–0300
552.242–70	3090–0027
552.246–70	3090–0027
552.246–71	3090–0027
552.270–33	3090–0324
570.703(c)	3090–0324
570.802(b)	3090–0086
570.802(c)	3090–0086
GSA–527	3090–0007
GSA–1142	3090–0080
GSA–1217	3090–0086
GSA–1364	3090–0086
GSA–1678	3090–0027
GSA–2419	9000–0102