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accordance with FAR 6.302-2 (48 CFR 6.302-2).

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§ 101-26.100-3 Warranties.

Through its procurement sources and programs GSA provides for certain types of items and services which are covered by warranties. Such warranties allow ordering activities additional time after acceptance within which to assert a right to correct certain deficiencies in supplies or services furnished. The additional time period and the specific corrective actions for which the contractor is responsible are usually stated in the warranty. Items and services subject to warranties are normally identified by a warranty marking or notice. Such marking or notice will state that a warranty exists, its extent of coverage, its duration, and whom to notify concerning defects. Using activities shall take the following actions when items or services (except for automotive vehicles and components which are subject to the provisions of §101-26.501-6) covered by warranty provisions are found to be defective during the warranty period.

(a) Activities shall attempt to resolve all complaints where a warranty is involved. If the contractor replaces the item or corrects the deficiency, a Standard Form (SF) 368, Product Quality Deficiency Report, in duplicate, shall be sent to the GSA Discrepancy Reports Center (6FR), 1500 East Bannister Road, Kansas City, MO 64131-3088. The resolution of the case should be clearly stated in the text of the SF 368. This information will be maintained as a quality history file for use in future procurements.

(b) If the contractor refuses to correct, or fails to replace, a defective item or an aspect of service under the warranty, an SF 368, in duplicate, along with copies of all pertinent correspondence, shall be submitted to the contracting officer in the appropriate GSA commodity center for necessary action. The address of the contracting officer is contained in the contract/purchase order, except for schedule items where the address is shown in the Federal Supply Schedule.

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§ 101-26.101 Utilization of long supply and excess personal property.

To the fullest extent practicable, agencies shall utilize inventories in long supply, as prescribed in subpart 101-27.3, and excess personal property, as prescribed in part 101-43, as a first source of supply in fulfilling their requirements.

[34 FR 200, Jan. 7, 1969]

§ 101-26.102 Special buying services.

§ 101-26.102-1 General.

The special buying services of GSA are performed through the GSA special order program (SOP). The SOP allows an agency to obtain items not included in either the GSA stock or Federal Supply Schedule program. All executive agencies within the United States (including Hawaii and Alaska), in order to maximize the use of the Government's centralized supply system, shall request SOP items by submitting requisitions for GSA centrally managed items to GSA. GSA will process all requisitions for SOP items, regardless of total line item value, from activities electing to purchase from GSA. If an agency determines that alternative sources are more favorable, procurement from other sources is authorized: Provided, that the dollar thresholds and criteria outlined in §101-26.301(b)(1) through (3) are followed.

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§ 101-26.102-2 Utilization by military agencies.

Military activities shall utilize the buying services of GSA when:

(a) GSA has agreed with the Secretary of Defense, or with the Secretary of a military department in connection with the requirements of that department, to perform such buying services; and

(b) The items involved are not properly obtainable from GSA stock or Federal Supply Schedules.

[29 FR 15610, Nov. 20, 1964, as amended at 36 FR 17423, Aug. 31, 1971]

§ 101-26.102-3 Procurement leadtime.

When GSA performs the purchasing services for other agencies or activities as contemplated by this §101-26.102-3,

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calculation of the delivery dates required for the items involved must be based on the procurement leadtimes illustrated in the GSA publication, FEDSTRIP Operating Guide. These leadtimes are based on the normal time required after receipt of agency requisitions by GSA to effect delivery to destinations within the 50 States.

(a) Time required to obtain any additional essential information from the requisitioning office for use in issuing a solicitation for bids or offers is not included in the leadtimes.

(b) If unusually large quantities or complex items are required, leadtime adjustments should be made to reflect the specific requirement. As an example, standard furniture items can usually be delivered in less than 90 days after receipt of the requisition. However, for large quantity or complex orders requiring a definite quantity procurement, delivery times may range from 4 to 6 months. Footnotes relating to classes where this is a frequent occurrence are shown in the procurement leadtime table illustrated in the FEDSTRIP Operating Guide.

(c) The procurement leadtime table illustrated in the FEDSTRIP Operating Guide does not apply to public exigency or other high priority requisitions; however, it should be used as a guide to establish realistic required delivery dates for such requisitions.

[32 FR 17939, Dec. 15, 1967, as amended at 40 FR 41093, Sept. 5, 1975; 57 FR 3949, Feb. 3, 1992]

§ 101-26.102-4 Payment to GSA contractors.

Policies and procedures covering payment to GSA contractors for supplies and services furnished by GSA to Government agencies are in subpart 101-2.1.

[47 FR 8779, Mar. 2, 1982]

§ 101-26.103 Establishing essentiality of requirements.

§ 101-26.103-1 Policy for personal property.

To obtain maximum benefit from Government funds available for procurement of personal property, each executive agency shall:

(a) Insure that personal property currently on hand is being utilized to the fullest extent practical and provide supporting justification prior to effecting new procurement for similar type property. (When the proposed procurement is for similar items from non-GSA sources, the provisions of § 101-26.100-2 apply.)

(b) Procure the minimum quantity and quality of property which is required to support the mission of the agency and to satisfy the function for which the property is required.

(c) Limit procurement of different varieties, types, sizes, colors, etc., of required items to those essential in satisfying the functional end-use purpose. To this end the quantity, quality, and variety of personal property required to adequately perform the end-use function should be determined prior to initiation of procurement processes.

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§ 101-26.103-2 Restriction on personal convenience items.

Government funds may be expended for pictures, objects of art, plants, or flowers (both artificial and real), or any other similar type items when such items are included in a plan for the decoration of Federal buildings approved by the agency responsible for the design and construction. Determinations as to the need for purchasing such items for use in space assigned to any agency are judgments reserved to the agency. Determinations with respect to public space such as corridors and lobbies are reserved to the agency responsible for operation of the building. Except as otherwise authorized by law, Government funds shall not be expended for pictures, objects of art, plants, flowers (both artificial and real), or any other similar type items intended solely for the personal convenience or to satisfy the personal desire of an official or employee. These items fall into the category of "luxury items" since they do not contribute to the fulfillment of missions normally assigned to Federal agencies.

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