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## **DFARs Part #245**

## **Government Property**

Wednesday, 13 October 2021





#### DFARs Part #245

#### Where The Rules Are

FAR: Part 45 Government Property

52.245-1 – Government Property

52.245-2 – Government Property Installation Operation Services

52.245-9 – Use and Charges

DFARS: Part 245

252.245-7000 – Government-furnished mapping, charting, and geodesy property

252.245-7001 – Tagging, labeling, and marking of government-furnished property

252.245-7002 – Reporting Loss of Government Property

252.245-7003 – Contractor Property Management System Administration

252.245-7004 – Reporting, Reutilization, and Disposal

PGI: 245.1, 245.2, 245.4, 245.6





#### DFARs Part #245

#### What Is Government Property?

FAR 45. 101

**Government Property -** All property owned or leased by the Government

Two Categories: Government Furnished Property

**Contractor-Acquired Property** 

Examples: Material, equipment, special tooling, special test equipment and real property; but DOES NOT INCLUDE intellectual property and software.

**Government Furnished Property** - property in the possession of, or directly acquired by, the Government and subsequently furnished to the contractor for performance of a contract.

**Contractor-Acquired Property** - property acquired, fabricated, or otherwise provided by the contractor for performing a contract and to which the Government has title.





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### Ownership/Title

#### FAR 45.401

**Government Furnished Property** - Government retains title until properly disposed of

#### FAR 45.402

**Contractor-Acquired Property** – Title vests according to contract. Absent contract language default rules are:

Fixed Price – contractor retains title to all property acquired by contractor except deliverables

Cost, T&M – Government acquires title to all property to which the contractor is entitled to reimbursement

Fabricators, Manufacturers, R&D Contractors – excess or unused materials





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### **General Policy**

### FAR 45.102(a)

Ordinarily - contractors furnish property necessary to perform

### PGI 245.102-70 (1)

Contractor bring all the necessary property or the ability to obtain it

Responsible contractors should have means for effective and efficient stewardship





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### **Accountability**

#### FAR 45.106

- Government Property transferred from one contract to another only when requirements exist under the gaining contract
- Documented by contract modifications to both contracts
- After transfer, property is Government Furnished Property with respect to the gaining contract

#### PGI 245.102-70 (2)

- Government Property must be contractually accountable to only one contract at a time
- But contract may allow Government Property to be used on other contracts

#### PGI 245.103-71

• The only form used to document the transfer of Government Property is the contract modification form – SF 30





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#### **Government Furnished Property**

#### PGI 245.103-70

- Project or program manager, or purchase request generator decides
- Contracting officer must make sure four FAR 45.102 requirements are documented in the contracting file Element 1 In the Government's best interest
  - Economy
  - Standardization
  - Security
  - Expedite production
  - Scarcity
  - Maintain the industrial base
  - Contract type





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#### **Government Furnished Property**

#### PGI 245.103-70

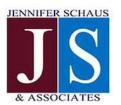
Element 2 - Overall benefit significantly outweighs the increased cost of administration

- All associated costs must be considered, including property removal & disposal, demilitarization & disposal of environmentally-regulated property
- Costs must be less than what the contractor might incur, or demonstrated benefit must outweigh additional costs

Element 3 - Providing the property does not substantially increase the Government's risk

- Risk must be discussed and documented
- Other risks may need to be considered, discussed, and documented.

Element 4 - Government requirements cannot otherwise be met.





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#### **Responsibility & Liability For Government Property**

#### FAR 45.104

Contractor not liable for loss

- Cost-reimbursement contracts
- Time-and-material contracts
- Labor-hour contracts
- Fixed-price contracts awarded on the basis of submission of certified cost or pricing data
- DFARS 245.104 Negotiated fixed-price contracts awarded on basis other than submission of certified cost or pricing data

Contracting officer may revoke the Government's assumption of risk if property management practices are noncompliant If contractor provides Government property to a subcontractor - not be relieved of responsibility to the Government

Contracting officer determines extent of contractor liability based on damages & form of Government recovery





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#### **Contractor Property Management System**

#### **DFARS 245.105**

- Cognizant contracting officer will determine if contractor has an "acceptable property management system"
- DFARS Clause 252.245-7003 Acceptable property management system must address ten areas under FAR 52.245-1(f):
  - Acquisition of Property
  - Receipt of Government Property
  - Records of Government property
  - Physical Inventory
  - Subcontractor control
  - Reports
  - Relief of stewardship responsibility and liability
  - Utilizing Government property
  - Maintenance
  - Property closeout





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#### **Contractor Property Management System**

#### DFARS 245.105(d), DFARS Clause 252.245-7003, PGI 245.105

- Property administrator report to CO documents findings, identify significant deficiencies
  - 252.245-7003 Significant deficiency: a shortcoming that materially affects ability of DoD to rely on the information
- CO provides written initial determination system is acceptable & approved, or one or more significant deficiencies
- Contractor has 30 days to respond in writing to initial determination
- CO in consultation with Property Administrator makes a final determination and issues a notice:
  - Contractor's Property Management System is acceptable; or
  - Significant deficiencies remain
- Within 45 days contractor must correct significant deficiencies or submit acceptable corrective action plan
- If contract includes 252.242-7005 Contractor Business Systems CO WILL withhold payments
- **PGI 245.105** CO will monitor corrective action, request auditor review of corrected deficiencies





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#### **Leftover or Excess Property**

**FAR Subpart 45.6** – Generally applicable procedures for

- Reporting excess property
- Screening
- Reutilizing (Re-using, including donating)
- Abandoning or Destroying
- Sales of excess property





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#### **Leftover or Excess Property**

#### **DFARS Subpart 245.6**

245.602-1 Inventory disposal schedules – plant clearance officer will verify

- Allocability
- Quantity
- Condition

#### 245.602-3 Screening

Property will be screened DoD-wide, with the requiring agency having priority





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#### **Leftover or Excess Property**

#### **DFARS Subpart 245.6**

245.604-3 Sales of surplus property
Plant clearance officer will determine best value sales approach –

- Informal procedures PCO can direct contractor to issue informal invitations for bids
- Sale approval and award PCO will evaluate bids to establish price is fair and reasonable, approve the award and notify contractor within 5 days
- Noncompetitive sales purchases or sales at less than cost
  - When essential to expeditious plant clearance
  - Government's interests are adequately protected





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