

PART 6

MODIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACTS

FOR SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

6-101 Revisions to Contract Clauses.

The clauses set forth in this regulation may be varied for use in a particular contract at the discretion of the purchasing agent.

6-102 Changes Clause.

Changes Clause in Fixed-Price Contracts. In fixed-price contracts, the following clause may be inserted:

"CHANGES"

Change Order. By a written order, at any time, and without notice to any surety, the purchasing agent may, subject to all appropriate adjustments, make changes within the general scope of this contract in any one or more of the following:

(1) drawings, designs, or specifications, if the supplies to be furnished are to be specially manufactured for the purchasing agency in accordance therewith:

(2) method of shipment or packing; or

(3) place of delivery.

Adjustments of Price or Time or Performance. If any such change order increases or decreases the contractor's cost of, or the time required for, performance of any part of the work under this contract, an adjustment shall be made and the contract modified in writing accordingly. Any adjustment in contract price made pursuant to this clause shall be determined in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract.

Failure of the parties to agree to an adjustment shall not excuse the contractor from proceeding with the contract as changed, provided that the purchasing agency promptly and duly makes such provisional adjustments in payment or time for performance as may be reasonable. By proceeding with the work, the contractor shall not be deemed to have prejudiced any claim for additional compensation, or an extension of time for completion.

Time Period for Claim. Within 30 days after receipt of a written change order under the Change Order paragraph of this clause, unless such period is extended by the purchasing agent in writing, the contractor shall file notice of intent to assert a claim for an adjustment.

Claim Barred After Final Payment. No claim by the contractor for an adjustment hereunder shall be allowed if asserted after final payment under this contract.

6-103 Stop Work Order Clause.

(1) Use of Clause. This clause is authorized for use in any fixed-price contract under which work stoppage may be required for reasons such as advancements in the state of the art, production modifications, engineering changes or realignment of programs.

(2) Use of Orders.

(a) Because stop work orders may result in increased costs by reason of standby costs, such orders will be issued only with prior approval of the purchasing agent.

(b) Stop Work orders shall include, as appropriate:

(i) a clear description of the work to be suspended;

(ii) instructions as to the issuance of further orders by the contractor for material or services.

(c) If an extension of the stop work order is necessary, it must be evidenced by a supplemental agreement as soon as feasible after a stop work order is issued. Any cancellation of a stop work order shall be subject to the same approvals as were required for the issuance of the order.

(3) Clause.

"STOP WORK ORDER"

Order to Stop Work. The purchasing agent, may, by written order to the contractor, at any time, and without notice to any surety, require the contractor to stop all or any part of the work called for by this contract. This order shall be for a specified period after the order is delivered to the contractor. Any such order shall be identified specifically as a stop work order issued pursuant to this clause. Upon receipt of such an order, the contractor shall forthwith comply with its terms and take all reasonable steps to minimize the incurrence of costs allocable to the work covered by the order during the period of work stoppage. Before the stop work order expires, or is legally extended, the purchasing agent shall either:

(a) cancel the stop work order;

(b) terminate the work covered by such order; or

(c) terminate the contract.

Cancellation or Expiration of the Order. If a stop work order issued under this clause is properly canceled, the contractor shall have the right to resume work. An appropriate adjustment shall be made in the delivery schedule or contract price, or both, and the contract shall be modified in writing accordingly, if:

(a) the stop work order results in an increase in the time required for, or in the contractor's cost properly allocable to, the performance of any part of this contract; and

(b) the contractor asserts a claim for such an adjustment within 30 days after the end of the period of work stoppage.

Termination of Stopped Work. If the work covered by such order is terminated for default or convenience, the reasonable costs resulting from the stop work order shall be allowed by adjustment or otherwise and such adjustment shall be in accordance with the Price Adjustment Clause of this contract.

6-104 Variations in Estimated Quantities Clause.

(1) Definite Quantity Contracts. The following clause may be used in definite quantity supply or service contracts:

"VARIATION IN QUANTITY"

Upon the agreement of the parties, the quantity of supplies or services, or both, specified in this contract may be increased provided:

(a) the unit prices for the increased quantity increment will remain the same and;

(b) such an increase will either be more economical than awarding another contract or that it would not be practical to award another contract.

(2) Indefinite Quantity Contracts. No clause is provided here. However, the solicitation and contract should include:

(a) the minimum quantity, if any, the purchasing agency is obligated to order and the contractor to provide;

(b) whether there is an approximate quantity the purchasing agency expects to order and how this quantity relates to the minimum and maximum quantities that may be ordered under the contract;

(c) whether there is a maximum quantity the purchasing agency may order and the contractor must provide; and

(d) whether the purchasing agency is obligated to order its actual requirements under the contract, with exception for a stated quantity, which if exceeded, separate bids will be solicited.

6-105 Price Adjustment Clause.

The following clause may be used when price adjustments are anticipated:

"PRICE ADJUSTMENT"

Price Adjustment Methods. Any adjustment in contract price pursuant to the application of a clause in this contract shall be made in one or more of the following ways:

(1) by agreement on a fixed-price adjustment;

(2) by unit prices specified in the contract;

(3) in such other manner as the parties may mutually agree; or

(4) in the absence of agreement between the parties, by a unilateral determination by the purchasing agent of the costs attributable to the event or situation covered by the clause, plus appropriate profit or fee.

Submission of Cost or Pricing Data. The contractor shall provide cost or pricing data for any price adjustment Subject to the provisions or the cost or Pricing Data section of the Utah County Procurement Regulations.

6-106 Termination for Default Clause.

"TERMINATION FOR DEFAULT"

Default. If the contractor refuses or fails to timely perform any of the provisions of this contract, with such diligence as will ensure its completion within the time specified in this contract, the purchasing agent may notify the contractor in writing of the nonperformance, and if not promptly corrected, such officer may terminate the contractor's right to proceed with the contract or such part of the contract as to which there has been delay or a failure to properly perform. The contractor shall continue performance of the contract to the extent it is not terminated and shall be liable for excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods or services elsewhere.

Contractor's Duties. Notwithstanding termination of the contract and subject to any directions from the purchasing agent, the contractor shall take timely, reasonable, and necessary action to protect and preserve property in the possession of the contractor in which the purchasing agency has an interest.

Compensation. Payment for completed supplies delivered and accepted by the purchasing agency shall be at the contract price. The purchasing agency may withhold amounts due the contractor as the purchasing agent deems to be necessary to protect the purchasing agency against loss because of outstanding liens or claims of former lien holders and to reimburse the purchasing agency for the excess costs incurred in procuring similar goods and services.

Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance. The contractor shall not be in default by reason or any failure in performance of this contract in accordance with its terms if such failure arises out of acts of God; acts of the public enemy; acts of the county and any other governmental entity in its sovereign or contractual capacity; fires; floods; epidemics; quarantine restrictions; strikes or other labor disputes; freight embargoes; or unusually severe weather.

Upon request of the contractor, the purchasing agent shall ascertain the facts and extent of such failure, and, if such officer determines that any failure to perform was occasioned by any one or more of the excusable causes, and that, but for the excusable cause, the contractor's progress and performance would have met the terms of the contract, the delivery schedule shall be revised accordingly, subject to the rights of the purchasing agency.

Erroneous Termination for Default. If after notice of termination of the contractor's right to proceed under the provision of this clause, it is determined for any reason that the contractor was not in default under the provisions of this clause, or that the delay was excusable, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to the termination for convenience clause.

6-107 Liquidated Damages Clause.

"LIQUIDATED DAMAGES"

When the contractor is given notice of delay or nonperformance and fails to cure in the time specified, in addition to any other damages that are applicable, the contractor shall be liable for \$ per calendar day from date set for cure until either the purchasing agency reasonably obtains similar supplies or services if the contractor is terminated for default, or until the contractor provides the supplies or services if the contractor is not terminated for default. To the extent that the contractor's delay or nonperformance is excused under the Excuse for Nonperformance or Delayed Performance paragraph of the termination for Default Clause of this contract, liquidated damages shall not be due the purchasing agency.

6-108 Termination for Convenience Clause.

"TERMINATION FOR CONVENIENCE"

Termination. The purchasing agent may, when the interests of the purchasing agency so require, terminate this contract in whole or in part, for the convenience of the agency. The purchasing agent shall give written notice of the termination to the contractor specifying the part of the contract terminated and when termination becomes effective. This in no way implies that the purchasing agency has breached the contract by exercise of the Termination for Convenience Clause.

Contractor's Obligations. The contractor shall incur no further obligations in connection with the terminated work and on the date set in the notice of termination the contractor will stop work to the extent specified. The contractor shall also terminate outstanding orders and subcontracts as they relate to the terminated work. The contractor shall settle the liabilities and claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts and orders connected with the terminated work. The purchasing agent may direct the contractor to assign the contractor's right, title, and interest under terminated orders or subcontracts to the purchasing agency. The contractor must still complete and deliver to the purchasing agency the work not terminated by the notice of termination and may incur obligations as are necessary to do so.

Compensation.

(1) The contractor shall submit a termination claim specifying the amounts due because of the termination for convenience together with cost or pricing data bearing on such claim. If the contractor fails to file a termination claim within 90 days from the effective date of termination, the purchasing agent may pay the contractor, if at all, an amount set in accordance with subparagraph (c) of this paragraph.

(2) The purchasing agent and the contractor may agree to a settlement provided the contractor has filed a termination claim supported by cost or pricing data and that the settlement does not exceed the total contract price plus settlement costs, reduced by payments previously made by the purchasing agency, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials made under agreement, and the contract price of the work not terminated.

(3) Absent complete agreement under subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, the purchasing agent shall pay the contractor the following amounts, provided payments agreed to under subparagraph (b) shall not duplicate payments under this subparagraph:

(a) contract prices for supplies or services accepted under the contract;

(b) costs incurred in preparing to perform the terminated portion of the work plus a fair and reasonable profit on such portion of the work (such profit shall not include anticipatory profit or consequential damages) less amounts paid or to be paid for accepted supplies or services; provided, however, that if it appears that the contractor would have sustained a loss if the entire contract would have been completed, no profit shall be allowed or included and the amount of compensation shall be reduced to reflect the anticipated rate of loss;

(c) costs of settling and paying claims arising out of the termination of subcontracts or orders pursuant to the Contractor's Obligations paragraph of this clause. These costs must not include costs paid in accordance with subparagraph (c) (ii) of this paragraph.

(d) the reasonable settlement costs of the contractor including accounting, legal, clerical, and other expenses reasonably necessary for the preparation of settlement claims and supporting data with respect to the terminated portion of the contract and for the termination and settlement of subcontracts thereunder, together with reasonable storage, transportation, and other costs incurred in connection with the protection or disposition of property allocable to the terminated portion of this contract. The total sum to be paid the contractor under this subparagraph shall not exceed the total contract price reduced by the amount of payments otherwise made, the proceeds of any sales of supplies and manufacturing materials under subparagraph (b) of this paragraph, and the contract price of work not terminated.

(4) Cost claimed or agreed to under this Section shall be in accordance with applicable Sections of the Utah County Procurement Regulations.

6-109 Novation, Assignment or Change of Name

(1) Assignment. No contract is transferable, or otherwise assignable, without the written consent of the purchasing agent provided, however, that a contractor may assign monies receivable under a contract after due notice to the purchasing agency.

(2) Recognition of a Successor in Interest; Novation. When in the best interest of the purchasing agency, a successor in interest may be recognized in a novation agreement in which the transferor and the transferee shall agree that:

(a) the transferee assumes all of the transferor's obligations;

(b) the transferor waives all rights under the contract as against the agency; and

(c) unless the transferor guarantees performance of the contract by the transferee, the transferee shall, if required, furnish a satisfactory performance bond.

(3) Change of Name. When a contractor requests to change the name in which it holds a contract with a purchasing agency, the purchasing agent responsible for the contract shall, upon receipt of a document indicating such change of name (for example, an amendment to the articles of incorporation of the corporation), negotiate an agreement with the requesting contractor to effect such a change of name. The agreement changing the name should specifically indicate that no other terms and conditions of the contract are thereby changed.