**Providing Government Property to contractors**

***what do I need to know?***

Background

Any government property that will be provided for the contractor’s use during the performance of a contract must be identified in the solicitation and resulting contract. Government furnished property is classified in one of two ways: 1) Installation Accountable Government Property; or 2) Government furnished property.

*Installation Accountable Government Property*~~, also referred to as~~ (IAGP)~~,~~ may be provided to contractors performing onsite at GSFC or local offsite buildings owned or leased by NASA. When IAGP is made available, the Government maintains accountability for the property.

*Government Furnished Property* (GFP) may be provided to contractors performing work off center. Property provided as GFP remains accountable to the contractor during its use on the contract.

Some contracts could include requirements with both onsite and offsite performance; therefore, property may be provided as both IAGP and as GFP.

Regulations

[Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) Part 45](https://www.acquisition.gov/sites/default/files/current/far/html/Subpart%2045_1.html#wp1023543) and the [NASA FAR Supplement Part 45](https://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/procurement/regs/NFS.pdf) sets forth the guidance for providing government property. Contractors are ordinarily required to furnish all property necessary to perform Government contracts. The decision to provide property shall only be made after careful consideration of all relevant factors. Considerations should include the following:

Providing Government property—

(1) Increases the Government’s administrative burden and requires recordkeeping and personnel;

(2) May dilute the contractor’s overall responsibility and weaken guarantees, end item delivery requirements, and other contract terms;

(3) May make NASA responsible for delays in that the Agency assumes responsibility for scheduling delivery of the property and the operability of the property;

(4) Carries its own inherent risk that the property may be lost, damaged, destroyed or misused, resulting in a loss of funds that could otherwise be used to support NASA’s mission; and,

(5) When commercially available, may confer a competitive advantage to contractors who have not taken on the same investment risk as their competitors. Contractors who plan for the Government’s provision of commercially available equipment are passing those investment risks to the Government.

For these reasons, property shall only be provided to Contractors when it is clearly demonstrated that it is in the Government’s best interest; the overall benefit to the acquisition significantly outweighs the increased cost of administration, including ultimate property disposal; providing the property does not substantially increase the Government’s assumption of risk; and the Government requirements cannot otherwise be met.

Remember that a contractor’s inability or unwillingness to supply its own resources is not sufficient reason for the furnishing or acquisition of property.

Information to Submit

If a determination is made that it is in the Government’s best interest to provide property, a listing of the Government property to be provided shall be set forth in the solicitation. The list(s) of GFP and/or IAGP are submitted to the procurement office as part of the acquisition package. If both GFP and IAGP are being provided, there should be two separate lists as the lists will appear as two separate attachments in the solicitation and contract. Be sure to identify if the list is GFP or IAGP.

To ensure all required information is submitted, the following template should be used and submitted with the acquisition package.

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