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18.1 Policy

Indefinite-delivery, indefinite-quantity contracts may be used when the exact times or the exact quantities of future deliveries are not known at the time of contract award.

18.2 Definite Quantity

Definite-quantity contracts may be used when it can be determined in advance that a definite quantity of goods or services will be required during the contract period and the goods or services are regularly available or will be available after a short lead-time.

18.3 Indefinite Quantity

Indefinite-quantity contracts may be used when the precise quantities of goods or services that will be required during the contract period cannot be predetermined above a specified minimum.

18.4 Basic Ordering Agreement

Basic ordering agreements may be used to expedite procurement of uncertain requirements for goods or services when specific items, quantities, and prices are not known at the time the basic ordering agreement is executed but a substantial number of requirements for the type of goods or services covered by the basic ordering agreement are anticipated to be purchased from the contractor or contractors.

Basic ordering agreements are not contracts and do not state or imply any agreement to place future contracts or orders with the contractor.

18.5 Blanket Purchase Agreements

Blanket purchase agreements may be established when there is a wide variety of items in a broad class of goods or services that are generally purchased but the exact items, quantities, and delivery requirements are not known in advance and may vary considerably.

18.6 Requirements Contracts

Requirements contracts may be used for procuring any goods or services when recurring requirements are anticipated but the precise quantities of goods or services that will be needed during a definite period cannot be predetermined.