

## 37.111 Extension of services.

Award of contracts for recurring and continuing service requirements are often delayed due to circumstances beyond the control of *contracting offices*. Examples of circumstances causing such delays are bid protests and alleged mistakes in bid. In order to avoid negotiation of short extensions to existing contracts, the *contracting officer* may include an *option* clause (see [17.208\(f\)](#)) in *solicitations* and contracts which will enable the Government to require continued performance of any services within the limits and at the rates specified in the contract. However, these rates *may* be adjusted only as a result of revisions to prevailing labor rates provided by the Secretary of Labor. The *option* provision *may* be exercised more than once, but the total extension of performance thereunder *shall* not exceed 6 months.

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