

# **Subpart 42.16 - Small Business Contract Administration**

**Parent topic:** [Part 42 - Contract Administration and Audit Services](#)

## **42.1601 General.**

The contracting officer shall make every reasonable effort to respond in writing within 30 days to any written request to the contracting officer from a small business concern with respect to a contract administration matter. In the event the contracting officer cannot respond to the request within the 30-day period, the contracting officer shall, within the period, transmit to the contractor a written notification of the specific date the contracting officer expects to respond. This provision shall not apply to a request for a contracting officer decision under [41 U.S.C. chapter 71](#), Contract Disputes.