

43.201 General.

(a) Generally, Government contracts contain a changes clause that permits the *contracting officer* to make unilateral changes, in designated areas, within the general scope of the contract. These are accomplished by issuing written *change orders* on [Standard Form 30](#), Amendment of Solicitation/Modification of Contract ([SF 30](#)), unless otherwise provided (see [43.301](#)).

(b) The contractor *must* continue performance of the contract as changed, except that in cost-reimbursement or incrementally funded contracts the contractor is not obligated to continue performance or incur costs beyond the limits established in the Limitation of Cost or Limitation of Funds clause (see [32.706-2](#)).

(c) The *contracting officer* may issue a *change order* by electronic means without a [SF 30](#) under unusual or urgent circumstances, *provided* that the message contains substantially the information required by the [SF 30](#) and immediate action is taken to issue the [SF 30](#).

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