

# 45.103 General.

(a) Agencies *shall*-

(1) Allow and encourage contractors to use voluntary consensus standards (see FAR [11.101\(b\)](#)) and industry-leading practices and standards to manage *Government property* in their possession;

(2) Eliminate to the maximum practical extent any competitive advantage a prospective contractor *may* have by using *Government property*;

(3) Ensure maximum practical reutilization of *contractor inventory* for government purposes;

(4) Require contractors to use *Government property* already in their possession to the maximum extent practical in performing Government contracts;

(5) Charge appropriate rentals when the *property* is authorized for use on other than a rent-free basis; and

(6) Require contractors to justify retaining *Government property* not needed for contract performance and to declare *property* as excess when no longer needed for contract performance.

(b) Agencies will not generally require contractors to establish *property* management systems that are separate from a contractor's established procedures, practices, and systems used to account for and manage contractor-owned *property*.

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