

## 46.103 Contracting office responsibilities.

*Contracting offices* are responsible for-

- (a) Receiving from the activity responsible for technical requirements any specifications for *inspection, testing*, and other *contract quality requirements* essential to ensure the integrity of the *supplies* or services (the activity responsible for technical requirements is responsible for prescribing *contract quality requirements*, such as *inspection* and *testing* requirements or, for service contracts, a quality assurance surveillance plan);
- (b) Including in *solicitations* and contracts the appropriate requirements for the contractor's control of quality for the *supplies* or services to be acquired;
- (c) Issuing any necessary instructions to the cognizant *contract administration office* and acting on recommendations submitted by that office (see [42.301](#) and [46.104\(f\)](#));
- (d) When contract administration is retained (see [42.201](#)), verifying that the contractor fulfills the *contract quality requirements*; and
- (e) Ensuring that nonconformances are identified, and establishing the significance of a nonconformance when considering the acceptability of *supplies* or services which do not meet contract requirements.

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