

## 46.307 Fixed-price research and development contracts.

(a) The *contracting officer shall* insert the clause at [52.246-7](#), *Inspection of Research and Development-Fixed-Price*, in *solicitations* and contracts for research and development when-

(1) The primary objective of the contract is the delivery of end items other than designs, drawings, or reports,

(2) A fixed-price contract is contemplated, and

(3) The contract amount is expected to exceed the *simplified acquisition threshold*; unless use of the clause is impractical and the clause prescribed in [46.309](#) is considered to be more appropriate.

(b) The *contracting officer may* insert the clause in such *solicitations* and contracts when the contract amount is expected to be at or below the *simplified acquisition threshold*, and its use is in the Government's interest.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 46.3 - Contract Clauses](#)