

# 52.204-18 Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance.

As prescribed in [4.1804\(c\)](#), use the following clause:

Commercial and Government Entity Code Maintenance (Aug 2020)

(a) *Definition.* As used in this clause–

*Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) code* means–

(1) An identifier assigned to entities located in the *United States* or its *outlying areas* by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch to identify a commercial or government entity by unique location; or

(2) An identifier assigned by a member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) or by the NATO Support and *Procurement* Agency (NSPA) to entities located outside the *United States* and its *outlying areas* that the DLA Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch records and maintains in the CAGE master file. This type of code is known as a NATO CAGE (NCAGE) code.

(b) Contractors *shall* ensure that the CAGE code is maintained throughout the life of the contract for each location of contract, including subcontract, performance. For contractors *registered in the System for Award Management (SAM)*, the DLA Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch *shall* only modify data received from SAM in the CAGE master file if the contractor initiates those changes via update of its SAM registration. Contractors undergoing a novation or *change-of-name agreement* *shall* notify the *contracting officer* in accordance with subpart [42.12](#). The contractor *shall* communicate any change to the CAGE code to the *contracting officer* within 30 days after the change, so that a modification can be issued to update the CAGE code on the contract.

(c) Contractors located in the *United States* or its *outlying areas* that are not registered in SAM *shall* submit written change requests to the DLA Commercial and Government Entity (CAGE) Branch. Requests for changes *shall* be provided at <https://cage.dla.mil>. Change requests to the CAGE master file are accepted from the entity identified by the code.

(d) Contractors located outside the *United States* and its *outlying areas* that are not registered in SAM *shall* contact the appropriate National Codification Bureau (points of contact available at <http://www.nato.int/structur/AC/135/main/links/contacts.htm>) or NSPA at <https://eportal.nspa.nato.int/AC135Public/scage/CageList.aspx> to request CAGE changes.

(e) Additional guidance for maintaining CAGE codes is available at <https://cage.dla.mil>.

(f) If the contract includes Federal *Acquisition* Regulation clause [52.204-2](#), Security Requirements, the contractor *shall* ensure that subcontractors maintain their CAGE code(s) throughout the life of the contract.

(End of clause)

**Parent topic:** [52.204 \[Reserved\]](#)