

# 5101.692 Head of the contracting activity.

(a) HCAs will ensure that only Contracting officers selected and appointed in accordance with AFARS 5101.603 enter into contracts on behalf of the Army.

(b) HCAs will appoint a SCO. When selecting the SCO, the HCA must comply with the requirements of Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 5000.66 governing the selection of senior contracting officials. Prior to appointing the SCO, the HCA shall coordinate the proposed SCO selection directly with the Enterprise HCA.

(1) The HCA must assign to the SCO, or give him/her direct access to, the personnel and other essential resources necessary to perform all the functions that the HCA delegates to him/her.

(2) The HCA may appoint Program or Project-specific SCOs on a temporary basis within the responsible Army contracting activity. The Program or Project-specific SCO focuses solely on the management of that program's contract action(s). (See AFARS 5101.693-90)

(3) The HCA must notify in writing the addressee in AFARS 5101.290(b)(2)(i) when there is a newly appointed SCO.

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