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## **846.470 Use of commercial organizations for inspections and grading services.**

The contracting officer may use a commercial organization for inspection and grading services when the contracting officer determines that all of the following exist:

- (a) The results of a technical inspection or grading are dependent upon the application of scientific principles or specialized techniques.
- (b) VA is unable to employ the personnel qualified to properly perform the services and is unable to locate another Federal agency capable of providing the service.
- (c) The inspection or grading results issued by a private organization are essential to verify the acceptance or rejection of a special commodity.
- (d) The services may be performed without direct Government supervision.

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