

# PGI 204.7303-2 Safeguarding controls and requirements.

(a) When an offeror proposes to vary from any of the security requirements specified by National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Special Publication (SP) 800-171, "Protecting Controlled Unclassified Information in Nonfederal Information Systems and Organizations," in accordance with paragraph (c)(2) of the solicitation provision at DFARS [252.204-7008](#), or in accordance with paragraphs (b)(2)(ii)(B) of DFARS clause [252.204-7012](#), the contracting officer shall submit the offeror's explanation of the proposed variance to the DoD Chief Information Officer via email at [osd.dibcsia@mail.mil](mailto:osd.dibcsia@mail.mil) for adjudication.

(b) For additional information on safeguarding controls and requirements, see the Frequently Asked Questions document at [http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/network\\_penetration\\_reporting\\_and\\_contr...](http://www.acq.osd.mil/dpap/pdi/network_penetration_reporting_and_contr...).

**Parent topic:** [PGI 204.7303 Procedures.](#)