

# 5833.204 Policy

Contracting Officers (KO) shall try to resolve all contractual issues in controversy by mutual agreement prior to or after receipt of a claim. KOs may use Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) IAW FAR 33.214 or negotiate a settlement agreement to settle a controversy by mutual agreement.

(S-90) Settlements. The contracting officer must coordinate with legal counsel, a DITCO Cost/Price Analyst, the CoCO, and the HCO on proposed ADR or settlement agreements. Mutual agreements with a contractor may be finalized in a bi-lateral modification. Mutual agreements that change contract price, quantity or level of effort shall be finalized in a bi-lateral modification.

**Parent topic:** [SUBPART 5833.2 - DISPUTES AND APPEALS](#)