



**PREPARATION ASSIGNMENT
SEASON 10, EPISODE ONE
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FAR PARTS 1 & 2:
INTRODUCTION TO THE FAR**

Fill In the Blank Questions:

1. The vision for the Federal Acquisition System is to deliver on a timely basis the best value product or service to the customer, while maintaining the public's trust and fulfilling public policy objectives. [Hint: Check out **FAR 1.102**]
2. To achieve efficient operations, the System *must* shift its focus from risk avoidance to one of risk management. The cost to the taxpayer of attempting to eliminate all risk is prohibitive. [Hint: Check out **FAR 1.102-2**]
3. If a policy or procedure, or a particular strategy or practice, is in the best interest of the Government and is not specifically addressed in the FAR, nor prohibited by law (statute or case law), Executive order or other regulation, Government members of the Team *should* not assume it is prohibited. [Hint: Check out **FAR 1.102-4**]
4. A contracting officer's representative (COR) assists in the technical monitoring or administration of a contract. [Hint: Check out **FAR 1.604**]
5. A word or a term, defined in this section, has the same meaning throughout this regulation (48 CFR chapter 1), unless- (1) the context in which the word or term is used clearly requires a different meaning, or (2) another FAR part, subpart, or section provides a different definition for the particular part or portion of the part. [Hint: Check out **FAR 2.101**]

"Look 'Em Ups" (Enter the FAR cite and Answer):

1. What seven (7) pieces of information must be included in all "Determinations" and "Findings"

Each D&F shall set forth enough facts and circumstances to clearly and convincingly justify the specific determination made. As a minimum, each D&F shall include, in the prescribed agency format, the following information:

- (a) Identification of the agency and of the contracting activity and specific identification of the document as a "Determination and Findings."
- (b) Nature and/or description of the action being approved.
- (c) Citation of the appropriate statute and/or regulation upon which the D&F is based.
- (d) Findings that detail the particular circumstances, facts, or reasoning essential to support the determination. Necessary supporting documentation shall be obtained from appropriate requirements and technical personnel.

(e) A determination, based on the findings, that the proposed action is justified under the applicable statute or regulation.

(f) Expiration date of the D&F, if required (see 1.706).

(g) The signature of the official authorized to sign the D&F (see 1.707) and the date signed.

2. What is the role of the members of the Federal Acquisition System Team?

To exercise personal initiative and sound business judgment in providing the best value product or service to meet the customer's needs. FAR 1.102-4

FAR/FUN Question: What are the six (6) "conventions" identified in FAR Part 1 that Government and contractor members of the Acquisition Team must understand when interpreting the FAR?

FAR 1.108: The following conventions provide guidance for interpreting the FAR:

(a) Words and terms. Definitions in part 2 apply to the entire regulation unless specifically defined in another part, subpart, section, provision, or clause. Words or terms defined in a specific part, subpart, section, provision, or clause have that meaning when used in that part, subpart, section, provision, or clause. Undefined words retain their common dictionary meaning.

(b) Delegation of authority. Each authority is delegable unless specifically stated otherwise (see 1.102-4(b)).

(c) Dollar thresholds. Unless otherwise specified, a specific dollar threshold for the purpose of applicability is the final anticipated dollar value of the action, including the dollar value of all options. If the action establishes a maximum quantity of supplies or services to be acquired or establishes a ceiling price or establishes the final price to be based on future events, the final anticipated dollar value must be the highest final priced alternative to the Government, including the dollar value of all options.

(d) Application of FAR changes to solicitations and contracts. Unless otherwise specified-

(1) FAR changes apply to solicitations issued on or after the effective date of the change;

(2) Contracting officers may, at their discretion, include the FAR changes in solicitations issued before the effective date, provided award of the resulting contract(s) occurs on or after the effective date; and

(3) Contracting officers may, at their discretion, include the changes in any existing contract with appropriate consideration.

(e) Citations. When the FAR cites a statute, Executive order, Office of Management and Budget circular, Office of Federal Procurement Policy policy letter, or relevant portion of the Code of Federal Regulations, the citation includes all applicable amendments, unless otherwise stated.

(f) Imperative sentences. When an imperative sentence directs action, the contracting officer is responsible for the action, unless another party is expressly cited.

Speaking of the number 6, what was the name of the Bruce Willis film released in 1999 that involved a child psychologist and a child with supernatural powers? For twenty (20) additional "fun" points, tell me the name of the actor who played the child.

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