## 32.603 Debt determination.

(a) If the *contracting officer* has any indication that a contractor owes money to the Government under a contract, the *contracting officer shall* determine promptly whether an actual debt is due and the amount. Any unnecessary delay *may* contribute to-

(1) Loss of timely availability of the funds to the program for which the funds were initially provided;

- (2) Increased difficulty in collecting the debt; or
- (3) Actual monetary loss to the Government.
- (b) The amount of indebtedness determined by the contracting officer shall be an amount that-
- (1) Is based on the merits of the case; and
- (2) Is consistent with the contract terms.

Parent topic: Subpart 32.6 - Contract Debts