

## 42.505 Postaward subcontractor conferences.

(a) The prime contractor is generally responsible for conducting postaward conferences with subcontractors. However, the prime contractor *may* invite Government representatives to a conference with subcontractors, or the Government *may* request that the prime contractor initiate a conference with subcontractors. The prime contractor *should* ensure that representatives from involved *contract administration offices* are invited.

(b) Government representatives-

(1) *Must* recognize the lack of privity of contract between the Government and subcontractors;

(2) *Shall* not take action that is inconsistent with or alters subcontracts; and

(3) *Shall* ensure that any changes in direction or commitment affecting the prime contract or contractor resulting from a subcontractor conference are made by written direction of the *contracting officer* to the prime contractor in the same manner as described in [42.503-2](#).

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