

# Subpart 5617.2 - OPTIONS

**Parent topic:** [Part 5617 - SPECIAL CONTRACTING METHODS](#)

## **5617.202 Use of Options.**

The Contracting Officer shall not include options on contracts awarded under the authority cited in [FAR 6.302-2](#), Unusual and Compelling Urgency.

## **5617.204 Contracts.**

- (e)
  - (i) The Chief of the Contracting Office making an award in accordance with [FAR 17.204](#) may approve total contract periods in excess of 5 years on a case-by-case basis, unless otherwise prohibited by statute or regulation. This authority shall not be re-delegated.
  - (A) All approvals shall be made prior to issuing the solicitation and shall be included in the contract file.
  - (B) The documentation shall specify the reasons a period longer than 5 years is needed, what cost or price and performance risks are associated with the longer period, and how the risks will be mitigated.

## **5617.207 Exercise of Options**

### **5617.207-90 Documenting the Contracting Officer Determination.**

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- (a) The determination shall be made in writing and approved by the Contracting Officer prior to issuing a modification to the contractor.
- (b) The contracting officer shall also make a determination of contractor responsibility prior to exercising the option (See [FAR 9.104](#)).