## 9.305 Risk.

Before *first article approval*, the *acquisition* of materials or *components*, or commencement of production, is normally at the sole risk of the contractor. To minimize this risk, the *contracting officer shall* provide sufficient time in the delivery schedule for *acquisition* of materials and *components*, and for production after receipt of *first article approval*. When Government requirements preclude this action, the *contracting officer may*, before *approval* of the *first article*, authorize the contractor to acquire specific materials or *components* or commence production to the extent essential to meet the delivery schedule (see *Alternate* II of the clause at <u>52.209-3</u>, *First Article Approval*-Contractor Testing, and *Alternate* II of the clause at <u>52.209-4</u>, *First Article Approval*-Government Testing). Costs incurred based on this authorization are allocable to the contract for—

- (a) Progress payments; and
- (b) Termination settlements if the contract is terminated for the convenience of the Government.

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