**Part 5346 - Quality Assurance**

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## **5346.103 Contracting Office Responsibilities**

See [MP5346.103](https://www.acquisition.gov/daffars/mp5346.103-contracting-office-responsibilities) for Department of the Air Force requirements regarding contracting office responsibilities for the Quality Assurance Program.

See [Services Contracts Quality Assurance and Contracting Officer Representatives (COR) Memorandum](https://usaf.dps.mil/sites/AFCC/KnowledgeCenter/Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FAFCC%2FKnowledgeCenter%2FDocuments%2FContracting%5FMemos%2FPolicy%2F22%2DC%2D06%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FAFCC%2FKnowledgeCenter%2FDocuments%2FContracting%5FMemos%2FPolicy&p=true&ga=1)

## **5346.311 Higher-Level Contract Quality Requirement.**

Contracting Officers shall establish procedures for determining when higher-level contract quality requirements are necessary, for determining the risk (both the likelihood and the impact) of nonconformance, and for advising the contracting officer about which higher-level standards should be applied and included in the solicitation and contract. Requiring compliance with higher-level quality standards is necessary in solicitations and contracts for complex or critical items (see FAR [46.203](https://www.acquisition.gov/far/part-46#FAR_46_204)) or when the technical requirements of the contract require -

1. Control of such things as design, work operations, in-process controls, testing and inspection; or
2. Attention to such factors as organization, planning, work instructions, documentation control, and advanced metrology; or

(3) Any subcontract for complex and critical items (see FAR [46.203](https://www.acquisition.gov/far/46.203)(b) and (c)).