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## SUBPART 5602.1 – DEFINITIONS

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*Bridge Action –* A non-competitive action (contract/order/mod) awarded to bridge the time between the end of one action and the beginning of a competitively awarded follow-on action.

*Chief, Contracting Office* – The person with direct responsibility for the overall operations, administration, and performance of the contracting office. Performs all actions specified within FAR and DFARS as a "level above the Contracting Officer," and/or as delegated by the Headquarters (HQ), USSOCOM, Director of Procurement, Competition Advocate General, or USSOCOM Director, Office of Small Business Programs.

*Contracting Division* – Contracting activities that are organizationally aligned within HQ USSOCOM.

*Contracting Office* – A contracting activity that receives its contracting authority from the Commander, Special Operations Command through the HQ, USSOCOM, Director of Procurement, synonymous with “procuring activity.”

*Contracting Officer's Representative* – Person delegated to act on behalf of the contracting officer on a specific contract or multiple contracts, in a limited capacity and with specific authority as stated in the Letter of Delegation.

*Field Contracting Offices* – Contracting activities that are organizationally aligned within USSOCOM Service or Theater Special Operations Components.

*Office Chief* – The term “Office Chief” is issued in this policy to refer to both Chiefs of Field Contracting Offices and HQ Contracting Division Chiefs.

*Ordering Officer* – An appointed official with limited authority to purchase and obligate the government.

*Primary Contracting Officer’s Representative* – A USSOCOM unique term. Person designated and authorized by the contracting officer to perform specific technical or administrative functions on behalf of the contracting officer on a specific contract.

*Requiring Activity Official* – The point of contact from the requiring activity delegated responsibility for decisions regarding a acquisition or procurement.

*Technical Representative* – A USSOCOM unique term that refers to a person appointed by the COR to perform specific technical or administrative functions to assist the COR.