

32.504 Subcontracts under prime contracts providing progress payments.

(a) Subcontracts *may* include either performance-based payments, provided they meet the criteria in [32.1003](#), or progress payments, provided they meet the criteria in [subpart 32.5](#) for customary progress payments, but not both. Subcontracts for commercial purchases *may* include *commercial product or commercial service* purchase financing terms, provided they meet the criteria in [32.202-1](#).

(b) The contractor's requests for progress payments *may* include the full amount of *commercial product or commercial service* purchase financing payments, performance-based payments, or progress payments to a subcontractor, whether paid or unpaid, provided that unpaid amounts are limited to amounts determined due and that the contractor will pay-

(1) In accordance with the terms and conditions of a subcontract or *invoice*; and

(2) Ordinarily within 30 days of the submission of the contractor's progress payment request to the Government.

(c) If the contractor is considering making unusual progress payments to a subcontractor, the parties will be guided by the policies in [32.501-2](#). If the Government approves unusual progress payments for the subcontract, the *contracting officer must* issue a *contract modification* to specify the new rate in paragraph (j)(6) of the clause at [52.232-16](#), Progress Payments, in the prime contract. This will allow the contractor to include the progress payments to the subcontractor in the cost basis for progress payments by the Government. This modification is not a deviation and does not require the clearance prescribed in [32.502-2\(b\)](#).

(d) The contractor has a duty to ensure that financing payments to subcontractors conform to the standards and principles prescribed in paragraph (j) of the Progress Payments clause in the prime contract. Although the *contracting officer should*, to the extent appropriate, review the subcontract as part of the overall administration of progress payments in the prime contract, there is no special requirement for *contracting officer* review or consent merely because the subcontract includes financing payments, except as provided in paragraph (c) of this section. However, the *contracting officer must* ensure that the contractor has installed the necessary management control systems, including internal audit procedures.

(e) When financing payments are in the form of progress payments, the Progress Payments clause at [52.232-16](#) requires that the subcontract include the substance of the Progress Payments clause in the prime contract, modified to indicate that the contractor, not the Government, awards the subcontract and administers the progress payments. The following exceptions apply to wording modifications:

(1) The subcontract terms on title to property under progress payments *shall* provide for vesting of title in the Government, not the contractor, as in paragraph (d) of the Progress Payments clause in the prime contract. A reference to the contractor *may*, however, be substituted for "Government" in paragraph (d)(2)(iv) of the clause.

(2) In the subcontract terms on reports and access to records, the contractor *shall* not delete the references to "*Contracting Officer*" and "Government" in adapting paragraph (g) of the Progress

Payments clause in the contract, but *may* expand the terms as follows:

- (i) The term "*Contracting Officer*" *may* be changed to "*Contracting Officer* or Prime Contractor."
- (ii) The term "the Government" *may* be changed to "the Government or Prime Contractor."
- (3) The subcontract special terms regarding default *shall* include paragraph (h) of the Progress Payments clause in the contract through its subdivision (i). The rest of paragraph (h) is optional.
- (f) When financing payments are in the form of performance-based payments, the Performance-Based Payments clause at [52.232-32](#) requires that the subcontract terms include the substance of the Performance-Based Payments clause, modified to indicate that the contractor, not the Government, awards the subcontract and administers the performance-based payments, and include appropriately worded modifications similar to those noted in paragraph (e) of this section.
- (g) When financing payments are in the form of *commercial product* or *commercial service* purchase financing, the subcontract *must* include a contract financing clause structured in accordance with [32.206](#).

Parent topic: [Subpart 32.5 - Progress Payments Based on Costs](#)