

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 [52.209-3, First Article Approval-Contractor Testing](#), and *Alternate II* of the clause at [52.209-4, 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.

Parent topic: [Subpart 9.3 - First Article Testing and Approval](#)