

## 13.303-1 General.

(a) A blanket purchase agreement (BPA) is a simplified method of filling anticipated repetitive needs for *supplies* or services by establishing "charge accounts" with qualified sources of supply (see [subpart 16.7](#) for additional coverage of agreements).

(b) BPAs *should* be established for use by an organization responsible for providing *supplies* for its own operations or for other offices, installations, projects, or functions. Such organizations, for example, *may* be organized supply points, separate independent or detached field parties, or one-person posts or activities.

(c) The use of BPAs does not exempt an agency from the responsibility for keeping obligations and expenditures within available funds.

**Parent topic:** [13.303 Blanket purchase agreements \(BPAs\)](#).