

# 17.604 Identifying management and operating contracts.

A *management and operating contract* is characterized both by its purpose (see [17.601](#)) and by the special relationship it creates between Government and contractor. The following criteria can generally be applied in identifying *management and operating contracts*:

(a) Government-owned or -controlled facilities *must* be utilized; for instance-

(1) In the interest of *national defense* or mobilization readiness;

(2) To perform the agency's mission adequately; or

(3) Because private enterprise is unable or unwilling to use its own facilities for the work.

(b) Because of the nature of the work, or because it is to be performed in Government facilities, the Government *must* maintain a special, close relationship with the contractor and the contractor's personnel in various important areas (*e.g.*, safety, security, cost control, site conditions).

(c) The conduct of the work is wholly or at least substantially separate from the contractor's other business, if any.

(d) The work is closely related to the agency's mission and is of a long-term or continuing nature, and there is a need-

(1) To ensure its continuity; and

(2) For special protection covering the orderly transition of personnel and work in the event of a change in contractors.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 17.6 - Management and Operating Contracts](#)