

## **32.503-4 Approval of progress payment requests.**

(a) When the reliability of the contractor and the adequacy of the contractor's accounting system and controls have been established (see [32.503-3](#) of this section) the ACO *may*, in approving any particular progress payment request (including initial requests on new contracts), rely upon that accounting system and upon the contractor's certification, without requiring audit or review of the request before payment.

(b) The ACO *should* not routinely ask for audits of progress payment requests. However, when there is reason to-

(1) Question the reliability or accuracy of the contractor's certification; or

(2) Believe that the contract will involve a loss, the ACO *should* ask for a review or audit of the request before payment is approved or the request is otherwise disposed of.

(c) When there is reason to doubt the amount of a progress payment request, only the doubtful amount *should* be withheld, subject to later adjustment after review or audit; any clearly proper and due amounts *should* be paid without awaiting resolution of the differences.

**Parent topic:** [32.503 Postaward matters.](#)