

9-1. Required Sources

FAR Part 8 establishes priorities for using Government sources for supplies and services. CHs must make their purchases in accordance with the priorities set forth in FAR Part 8.

Table 9-1: FAR Part 8 - Required Sources of Supplies and Services

Regulatory Reference

Supplies and Services

FAR 8.002 Priorities for Use of Mandatory Sources

Supplies

1. Inventories of the requiring agency
2. Excess from other agencies
3. Federal Prison Industries (UNICOR)
4. AbilityOne - products on Procurement List
5. Wholesale supply sources, such as stock programs of GSA, DLA, and military inventory control points

Services

Services on the Procurement List - by the Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled
Note: Sources other than those listed above may be used as prescribed in 41 CFR 101-26.301 and in an unusual and compelling urgency as prescribed in 6.302-2 and in 41 CFR 101-25.101-5.

FAR Part 8.003 Use of Other Mandatory Sources

1. Public utility services (See FAR 41.)
2. Printing and related supplies (See FAR 8.8.)
3. Leased motor vehicles (See FAR 8.11.)
4. Strategic, critical materials (e.g., metals, ores) from inventories exceeding Defense National Stockpile requirements.
5. Helium (See FAR 8.5.)

FAR Part 8.004 Use of Other Sources

Consider use of small businesses, including veteran-owned, service-disabled veteran-owned, HUB Zone, disadvantaged, and women-owned small business concerns.

1. **Supplies.** Federal supply schedules (FSS), Governmentwide acquisition contracts, multi-agency contracts, and any other procurement instruments intended for use by multiple agencies, including BPAs under FSSI agreements.
2. **Services.** Agencies are encouraged to consider Federal Prison Industries, Inc.
3. **Commercial sources** in the open market (including educational and non-profit institutions).

Parent topic: [Chapter 9 - Required Sources of Supplies and Services](#)