

## 501.603-4 Termination.

(a) The SPE has the authority to suspend or terminate any GSA contracting officer appointment in any organizational component of the agency. SPE suspensions or terminations of warrants may not be overridden by any other GSA appointing official.

(b) At any time, an HCA may terminate an appointment, change a permanent warrant to a temporary warrant, reduce the warrant level, or refuse to accept a warrant from another contracting activity.

(c)

(1) The supervisor of record must notify the designated Acquisition Career Management Point of Contact within the organization when a contracting officer does any of the following:

(i) Resigns.

(ii) Transfers to another agency.

(iii) Is reassigned to another office within GSA.

(iv) Is terminated, or otherwise disciplined, for malfeasance or incompetence.

(v) Does not need the appointment.

(vi) Fails to comply with experience, education or training requirements.

(2) The Acquisition Career Management Point of Contact must notify the Administrative Warrant Issuing Agent in accordance with the procedures identified on the Acquisition Career Management pages on the GSA Acquisition Portal at <https://insite.gsa.gov/acquisitionportal>.

(d) Managers within the supervisory chain-of-command may at any time, suspend a contracting officer's appointment for any of the following:

(1) There is reason to believe that the contracting officer failed to exercise sound business judgment.

(2) There is reason to believe that the contracting officer engaged in other improprieties in carrying out contracting officer responsibilities.

(3) Failure of the contracting officer to comply with continuous learning requirements.

**Parent topic:** [501.603 Selection, appointment, and termination of appointment for contracting officers.](#)