

# 5817.000 Definitions

*Bridge Contract* is a short-term sole-source contract awarded generally to the incumbent contractor to continue critical services when a follow-on competitive contract action could not be completed in a timely manner. It provides needed services until the program and contracting offices can establish a new competitive contract. The SPE Bridge Decision Briefing, located in [DARS PGI 5817.000](#), is not required for non-DISA contract actions nor is it required for bridge contracts made necessary by GAO or Agency-level protests. Although a bridge may not require a decision brief, it still must be added onto the [Bridge Report](#).

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