

## 3.602 Exceptions.

The *agency head*, or a designee not below the level of the *head of the contracting activity*, may authorize an exception to the policy in [3.601](#) only if there is a most compelling reason to do so, such as when the Government's needs cannot reasonably be otherwise met.

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