

41.205 Separate contracts.

(a) In the absence of an areawide contract or interagency agreement (see [41.206](#)), agencies *shall* acquire utility services by separate contract subject to this part, and subject to agency *contracting* authority.

(b) If an agency enters into a separate contract, the *contracting officer shall* document the contract file with the following information:

- (1) The number of available suppliers.
- (2) Any special equipment, service reliability, or facility requirements and related costs.
- (3) The utility supplier's rates, connection charges, and termination liability.
- (4) Total estimated contract value (including costs in paragraphs (b)(2) and (3) of this subsection).
- (5) Any technical or special contract terms required.
- (6) Any unusual characteristics of services required.
- (7) The utility's wheeling or transportation policy for utility service.

(c) If requesting GSA assistance with a separate contract, the *requesting agency shall* furnish the technical and *acquisition* data specified in [41.205\(b\)](#), [41.301](#), and such other data as GSA *may* deem necessary.

(d) A contract exceeding a 1-year period, but not exceeding ten years (except pursuant to [41.103](#)), *may* be justified, and is usually required, where any of the following circumstances exist:

- (1) The Government will obtain lower rates, larger discounts, or more favorable terms and conditions of service.
- (2) A proposed connection charge, termination liability, or any other facilities charge to be paid by the Federal Government will be reduced or eliminated;
- (3) The utility service supplier refuses to render the desired service except under a contract exceeding a 1-year period.

Parent topic: [Subpart 41.2 - Acquiring Utility Services](#)