

46.202-2 Government reliance on inspection by contractor.

(a) Except as specified in (b) of this section, the Government *shall* rely on the contractor to accomplish all *inspection* and testing needed to ensure that *supplies* or services acquired at or below the *simplified acquisition threshold* conform to contract quality requirements before they are tendered to the Government (see [46.301](#)).

(b) The Government *shall* not rely on *inspection* by the contractor if the *contracting officer* determines that the Government has a need to test the *supplies* or services in advance of their tender for acceptance, or to pass judgment upon the adequacy of the contractor's internal work processes. In making the determination, the *contracting officer shall* consider-

- (1) The nature of the *supplies* and services being purchased and their intended use;
- (2) The potential losses in the event of defects;
- (3) The likelihood of uncontested replacement or correction of defective work; and
- (4) The cost of detailed Government *inspection*.

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