

# Government Priorities Guideline - 6.6.G (10/13/04)

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This guideline was extensively revised to address administrative changes throughout the document.

### Definitions

**Priorities** are government designated under the Defense Priorities and Allocations System (DPAS). In order of urgency, they are DX and DO.

**Rated Orders** are orders that contain either a DX or DO priority rating. Rated orders take precedence over all unrated orders as necessary to meet delivery dates.

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## Government Priority Ratings Requirements - 6.6.G.1

### Levels of Priority - 6.6.G.1.a

The following priority ratings have been assigned to Sandia by Department of Energy/National Nuclear Security Administration (DOE/NNSA):

## Priority Ratings

- DX-E1  
- DO-E1

- DX-E2  
- DO-E2

## Type of Procurement

Construction

Products and/or Services

DX-rated orders/contracts take precedence over all nonrated and DO-rated orders/contracts but have equal preferential status with each other. DO-rated orders/contracts take precedence over all nonrated orders/contracts.

## Programs Eligible for Priority Ratings - 6.6.G.1.b

Programs relating to space, defense, or atomic programs are eligible for participation in the Defense Priority and Allocation System (DPAS). A defense priority rating is normally not used in orders/contracts for ineligible programs such as energy. However, application to DOE/NNSA for a priority rating may be made for energy programs which maximize domestic energy supplies on a case-by-case basis. If approved, DOE/NNSA will assign a priority rating of F3, F4, or F5. The Requester is responsible for obtaining a priority rating.

## Requirements for Rated Procurements - 6.6.G.1.c

These are mandatory solicitation/contract content requirements for all rated procurements valued at \$5K or more:

- appropriate rating,
- Sandia Contracting Representative's (SCR) signature,
- required delivery date (month-day-year), and
- SC 110-DPT (DPAS Rating – Total) or SC 111-DPP (DPAS Rating – Partial).

SC 110-DPT or SC 111-DPP shall be incorporated in all DX-rated procurements in excess of \$5K and may be used on lower value DX-rated procurements at the discretion of the SCR.

**Exception:** Integrated Contractor Order (ICO) and Federal Agency Order (FAO) procurements.

If the procurement qualifies for a DX or DO rating, the application of the rating to procurements under \$5K is a matter of SCR judgment.

## ICOs and FAOs - 6.6.G.1.d

ICOs and FAOs for a DO or DX rated program shall state:

- "This order is for a program which is authorized a <insert appropriate rating> rating."

This will enable the Integrated Contractor (IC) or Federal Agency (FA) to apply a DO or DX

rating to any subcontracts. The SCR will need to incorporate either SC 110-DPT or SC 111-DPP to denote the rating.

## **Multiple Priority Ratings - 6.6.G.1.e**

When a procurement contains items holding multiple priorities (DX, DO or None), the order may combine rated and unrated order quantities on one order/contract provided: the rated quantities are separately and clearly identified. The SCR will need to determine if requisitions contain both rated and unrated items.

## **Sources Outside the United States - 6.6.G.1.f**

Priority ratings do not apply to procurements from sources outside the United States.

## **Requester Responsibility - 6.6.G.1.g**

The Requester is responsible for:

- assigning the appropriate priority rating to the Purchase Requisition (PR) by selecting the proper project number,
- contacting the appropriate Project Manager when in doubt about government priorities, and
- indicating the priority obtained on energy projects.

## **SCR Responsibility - 6.6.G.1.h**

The SCR is responsible for:

- incorporating the designated priority rating into the solicitation and subsequent procurement documents,  
**Note:** A change which affects the performance schedule cancels the priority date and a new priority date is established.
- obtaining Contractor's responses (acceptance or rejection), or a verbal acceptance of an order, on all rated procurements for completion on time, and  
**Note:** A duly executed cover page returned to the SCR or commencement of performance by the Contractor may be considered an acceptance of the DPAS rated procurement.
- staying alert to possibilities of delayed performance and taking timely actions for Sandia's benefit such as:
  - requesting the Contractor's list of rated orders in the sequence received and the production schedules,

- requiring premium labor/transportation at Contractor expense, if possible,
- accepting partial deliveries,
- checking the flowdown of the government priority requirements to lower tier subcontractors,
- checking Contractor's/subcontractor's understandings of the priority system, and
- requesting assistance on priorities through DOE/NNSA.

## **Contractor Responsibility - 6.6.G.1.i**

The applicable Section II clauses require a Contractor to:

- schedule operations, if possible, to fill each rated procurement by the required delivery/performance date. If it is not possible:
  - DX-rated procurements must be given delivery/performance preference over all nonrated and DO rated procurements,
  - DO-rated procurements must be given delivery/performance preference over all nonrated procurements,
  - for equally rated contracts, precedence must be given in the sequence of their receipt, and
  - for equally rated procurements received on the same date, the Contractor must give preference to the one which has the earliest required delivery/performance date.
- submit written acceptance or rejection within five (5) working days of receipt of a DX-rated procurement and ten (10) working days for a DO-rated procurement. These responsibilities are stated in the Section II clause entitled Priorities, Allocations and Allotments.

If a prospective Contractor is not willing to accept a DX-rated procurement, and the goods or services can be obtained from no other source, the SCR may consider negotiation of:

- progress payments,
- escalation provisions,
- advance authorizations, or
- more realistic schedules as inducement for acceptance.

A rejection, with the reasons, shall be promptly reported by the SCR to DOE/NNSA, Sandia Site Office.

## Notification of Delay - 6.6.G.1.j

Whenever acceptance of a DX-rated procurement results in delay to delivery of those with DO ratings, the Contractor is required to furnish written notification to those customers whose procurements are affected within five (5) working days after acceptance of a DX-rated procurement.

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## Applicable Clauses - 6.6.G.2

- SC 110-DPT - DPAS Rating - Total
  - SC 111-DPP - DPAS Rating - Partial
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## References - 6.6.G.3

- DEAR 970.5204-33(a) Defense Priorities and Allocation System
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