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## E.1 FAR 52.252-2 Clauses Incorporated By Reference (Feb 1998)

This contract incorporates one or more clauses by reference, with the same force and effect as if they were given in full text. Upon request, the Contracting Officer will make their full text available. Also, the full text of a clause may be accessed electronically at this/these address(es):

<https://www.acquisition.gov/FAR/>.

The following clauses apply at the Order level, as applicable, depending upon the contract type of the Order, or as specifically referenced in the applicable Order:

<u>FAR NUMBER</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>FP</u>	<u>TM</u>
52.246-2	INSPECTION OF SUPPLIES--FIXED PRICE	AUG 1996	X	
52.246-4	INSPECTION OF SERVICES--FIXED-PRICE	AUG 1996	X	X
52.246-6	INSPECTION- TIME AND MATERIAL AND LABOR-HOUR	MAY 2001		X
52.246-6	Alt I	APR 1984		X
52.246-15	CERTIFICATE OF CONFORMANCE	APR 1984	X	
52.246-16	RESPONSIBILITY FOR SUPPLIES	APR 1984	X	

## E.2 Definitions

- “Acceptance” means the act of an authorized representative of the Government by which the Government, for itself or as agent of another, assumes ownership of existing identified supplies tendered or approves specific services rendered as partial or complete performance of the contract.
- “Conditional acceptance” means acceptance of supplies or services that do not conform to contract quality requirements, or are otherwise incomplete, that the contractor is required to correct or otherwise complete by a specified date.
- “Contract quality requirements” means the technical requirements in the contract relating to the quality of the product or service and those contract clauses prescribing inspection, and other quality controls incumbent on the contractor, to assure that the product or service conforms to the contractual requirements.

- “Critical nonconformance” means a nonconformance that is likely to result in hazardous or unsafe conditions for individuals using, maintaining, or depending upon the supplies or services; or is likely to prevent performance of a vital agency mission.
- “Government contract quality assurance” means the various functions, including inspection, performed by the Government to determine whether a contractor has fulfilled the contract obligations pertaining to quality and quantity.
- “Major nonconformance” means a nonconformance, other than critical, that is likely to result in failure of the supplies or services, or to materially reduce the usability of the supplies or services for their intended purpose.
- “Minor nonconformance” means a nonconformance that is not likely to materially reduce the usability of the supplies or services for their intended purpose, or is a departure from established standards having little bearing on the effective use or operation of the supplies or services.
- “Off-the-shelf item” means an item produced and placed in stock by a contractor, or stocked by a distributor, before receiving orders or contracts for its sale. The item may be commercial or produced to military or Federal specifications or description.
- “Patent defect” means any defect which exists at the time of acceptance and is not a latent defect.
- “Subcontractor” (see [44.101](#)).
- “Testing” means that element of inspection that determines the properties or elements, including functional operation of supplies or their components, by the application of established scientific principles and procedures.