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(a) In this Part III of this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) (1) "Contract claim" means a claim that relates to a procurement contract.

(2) "Contract claim" includes a claim about the performance, breach, modification, or termination of the procurement contract.

15-217.

(a) (1) A prospective bidder or offeror, a bidder, or an offeror may submit a protest to the procurement officer.

(2) A person who has been awarded a procurement contract may submit a contract claim to the procurement officer.

(b) ~~(1)~~ [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH ~~(2)~~ OF THIS SUBSECTION § 15-219 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A protest or contract claim shall be submitted within the time required under regulations adopted by the primary procurement unit responsible for the procurement.

~~(2) A CONTRACTOR SHALL SUBMIT A CONTRACT CLAIM UNDER A CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER:~~

~~(I) RECEIVING A WRITTEN CHANGE ORDER OR CONTRACT MODIFICATION THAT, IN THE CONTRACTOR'S VIEW, REQUIRES AN EQUITABLE ADJUSTMENT UNDER THE CONTRACT; OR~~

~~(II) ANY OTHER ACTION BY THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER OR AUTHORIZED AGENT OF THE UNIT THAT, IN THE CONTRACTOR'S VIEW, CONSTITUTES A CHANGE ORDER OR CONTRACT MODIFICATION.~~

15-218.

(a) Except as provided under § 15-219 of this subtitle, a procurement officer who receives a protest or a contract claim shall comply with this section.

(b) (1) On receipt of a protest or contract claim under § 15-217 of this subtitle, a procurement officer:

(i) shall review the substance of the protest or contract claim;

(ii) may request additional information or substantiation through an appropriate procedure;

(iii) may discuss with interested parties and, if appropriate, may conduct negotiations with the person initiating the protest or contract claim; and

(iv) shall comply with any applicable regulations.

(2) Unless clearly inappropriate, the procurement officer shall seek the advice of the Office of the Attorney General.