



FAQ – General – Winter 2025

Frequently Asked Questions *(QA list will be supplemented)*

Secretary's Order 3446, Cutting Red Tape and Reducing Consumer Costs at Bureau of Reclamation Construction Projects

Question: What is the ideal non-federal entity to implement this SO?

Answer: Consistent with Section 8 of the SO, a reliable, well-capitalized non-federal O&M partner with interest in conducting procurement for a procurement-heavy project on a reserved work. Section 8.d. of the SO specifies that the entity should have, "A documented history of successful contract execution or equivalent experience."

Question: What bearing do the ongoing revisions to the Federal Acquisition Regulation have on this SO?

Answer: Updates to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) are underway per Executive Order 14275, "Restoring Common Sense to Federal Procurement". Reclamation will adaptively manage to FAR updates. Reclamation will document where FAR changes warrant adapting the approach with customers. To date, the interim FAR updates adopted pursuant to the EO are consistent with Reclamation's SO 3446 approach.

Question: How do we modify contracts?

Answer: New standard article contract term will be available for use with entities which express interest in assuming the federal procurement function. Reclamation expects that these parties will typically have a pre-existing contractual relationship with Reclamation, ideally transferred works operating entities or parties which demonstrate ability to meet the SO's Risk Management and Partner Qualifications requirements. Contract modifications will be made per [PEC 05-02](#).
