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## Chapter III What Does It Takes?

Think about your business and answer each question before moving on. Record your results.

### HOW DOES THE FAR AND DFARS APPLY TO BEING A GOVERNMENT SUPPLIER?

Let's get into the core of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) and Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) and how it is used. I will try to not make the explanation more confusing than it already is. Government terminology can be baffling due to its legalese language. First, see if you can answer these questions before I break it down:

1. What is the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR)?

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2. What is the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS)?

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3. How are they different?

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4. Are there any similarities?

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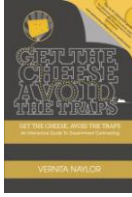
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WOW. The FAR covers everything that you can think of and much more, doesn't it? Remember our Department of the Army: National Guard Bureau project that required a repair/upgrade to the media blast system? Can you remember what FAR section was applied? Write your answer(s) here:



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Let's imagine using our previous example for the Department of the Army: National Guard Bureau, that it was the Department of Defense (DoD) that required repair/upgrade media blast system services. Remember for this request that *FAR 6 – Competition Requirements, Subchapter B: Acquisition Planning, FAR 6.302-1 Other Than Full and Open Competition* regulated this contract. See if you can find a clause within the DFARS equivalent to the FAR for the **same** required services and contract type as used in our example. Write your answer(s) here:

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Was the FAR Clause used entirely different than the DFARS for our example contract? If so how?

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If not, why?

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