

ATTN: Department of Commerce, Shared Services contract holders:

Effective October 1, 2025, the U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Acquisition Management, Shared Services Procurement Office (SSPO) and its customer offices and bureaus have shut down all but excepted operations due to a lapse in appropriations.

The SSPO customer offices and bureaus affected by the lapse are listed below:

- Bureau of Economic Analysis
- Bureau of Industry and Security
- Economic Development Administration
- International Trade Administration
- Minority Business Development Agency
- National Telecommunications and Information Administration
- Office of Inspector General
- Office of the Secretary

If your contract has been determined necessary to continue excepted operations, you will receive notification of Excepted status from an SSPO Contracting Officer. The notification will provide formal direction for continued performance of your contract requirements in full or in part. Absent receipt of this notification, SSPO contractors shall regard their contract as Non-Excepted.

Work under Non-Excepted contracts is subject to issuance of a Stop Work Order or other direction for cessation of performance. If your firm receives a stop work or related order for cessation of performance, then work under the affected contract shall stop in accordance with the notification.

If your firm does not receive a stop work or related order for cessation of performance the following guidance applies:

- For contracts awarded prior to the lapse, work may continue up to the point at which additional government technical direction is necessary for successful performance.
- At the point when additional government technical direction is required for successful performance, work must stop.
- For contracts for services (regardless of contract type), SSPO anticipates that work may continue based on government technical direction issued prior to the lapse for up to a 2-week period unless otherwise notified. In the event a lapse extends for longer than a 2-week period, however, a stop work order may be required.
- For contracts for supplies including subscriptions, licenses, and products, performance may continue unless otherwise notified.

Thank you for your support of the Department of Commerce and the SSPO customer offices and bureaus. Questions during the period of the lapse may be directed to the following email address: sharedservicesprocurement@doc.gov. We appreciate your patience and continued partnership during the period of the lapse and look forward to the resumption of full operations.