

Part 542 – Specifications

Subpart B – Engineering Services Specifications

542.10 General

Technical assistance may be obtained from other sources for various reasons, including—

- (1) Resources not being available to meet commitments.
- (2) Specialty area expertise not being available within the agency.

542.11 Technical Services

A. Technical expertise in differing subject areas may be needed to assist NRCS in meeting program commitments. This assistance would generally be considered in one of the following categories:

- (1) Professional services
- (2) Architectural and engineering (A&E) services

B. Procurement for the above-listed services must be in accordance with applicable Federal acquisition regulations, USDA acquisition regulations, and NRCS mandatory procedures (MPs).

C. The contracting officer (CO) is responsible for development and administration of the contract. The State conservation engineer (SCE) is responsible for developing the technical requirements for the procurement. The SCE must outline clear and concise requirements for service contracts.

D. The SCE, under the direction of the CO, must develop quality control and quality assurance (QA/QC) plans and contract administration procedures for A&E contracts.