



The Certificate of Conformance clause, even if it is in the contract, does not authorize the contractor to use the procedure; it only allows the contract administration office to give the contractor such authority.

## **Invoices**

Companies can use either their own commercial invoice or the DD Form 250. For contracts under \$25,000 contractors may use the fast pay procedures authorized by Federal Acquisition Regulation.

## **Shipping**

Packing, packaging, and marking stipulations are more stringent than in commercial practice and failure to comply can cause delay in payment. Likewise, if the contract includes a First Article Approval clause, its terms may significantly affect the contractor's cost recovery. Specifically, when First Article Approval is required by a contract the acquisition of materials or components and the commencement of production is normally at the sole risk of the contractor. Thus any costs incurred prior to approval of the first article will not be reimbursed unless and until that approval is granted.

## **DoD Specifications**

DoD has exact specifications for standard purchases, and has established engineering and technical limitations and applications of items, materials, processes, methods, and engineering practices. The Index of Federal Specifications, Standards, & Commercial Item Descriptions and the Department of Defense Index of Specifications & Standards are available on a subscription basis from the Government Printing Office.

The Navy Publishing & Printing Service in Philadelphia, PA is the DoD central distribution point for all military specifications and standards. DD Form 1425 is the preferred means to order specifications and standards. Currently, the Navy Publishing & Printing Service serves over 120,000 customers including all military services; federal, state, municipal agencies, foreign governments, industrial and commercial firms, both national and foreign, and the general public. Private industry may obtain standardization documents from the DoDSSP by subscription or on an ad-hoc basis.