

AUTHORITY PATH JUSTIFICATION

Under two special laws (10 U.S.C. 4022 and 4023), DoD can sometimes buy a prototype or run an experiment outside the normal federal buying rules. This page records which route fits your answers, why, and what still needs documenting. Not legal advice — decisions stay with the government.

Your route

1. Vendor: Vendor in mind
2. Competitive access: No
3. Experiment: No
4. Competition not practicable: Yes

Path

4022 Prototype OTA (competition not practicable)

Production path

No future production path on this authority

Why this path

A prototype award under 4022 can proceed with a documented determination that competition was not practicable.

Still need to document

1. Write the competition-not-practicable determination
2. Keep the justification with the file
3. Confirm stakeholders understand there is no future production path on this award

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