

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: Yes

Path

4023 Procurement for Experimental Purposes

Production path

No future production path on this authority

Why this path

The work qualifies as an experiment under 4023, without a future production path on this award.

Still need to document

1. Document why this effort is experimental
2. Confirm stakeholders understand there is no production follow-on on this path
3. Route through your organization's 4023 approval steps

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