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## U.S. Department of Justice

Request, Authorization and Contract for Services of
Expert Witness, Litigative Consultant, or ADR Neutral

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## Part II - Funding Approval



## General Instructions

The following instructions apply to completion and disposition of Form OBD-47, "Request, Authorization and Contract for Services of Expert Witness, Litigative Consultant, or ADR Neutral," Form OBD-47A, "Required Procurement and Payment Data for Contracts for Services of Expert Witness, Litigative Consultant, or ADR Neutral," and Form OB D-47 (MOD), "Request, Authorization, and Modification of Contract for Services of Expert Witness, Litigative Consultant, or ADR Neutral."
The case attorney should consult with his/her Administrative, Procurement, or Fiscal Office for specific requirements of the litigating component prior to completing Form OBD-47 or 47 (MOD). Operating procedures wi thin the litigating component may require a slightly different approval and/or processing procedure than described in these instructions.
When using the electronic version of these forms, follow these guidelines--

- The forms were created using the WordPerfect Release 9 tables feature for all form entries except the "Contract/Purchase Order No. \& Effective Date:" which is part of the header information.
- To navigate within the document and to insert data, use your TAB key, SHIFT+TAB (to go back one Block), ARROW keys, or your mouse. DO NOT use the ENTER key.
- Blocks that do not require data entry are locked to prevent inadvertent revisio ns.
- Blocks that require data entry do not wrap, meaning that the length of your ent ry is limited to the width of the Block.


## The Procurement Process

1. Part I of Form OBD-47 (Blocks 1 through 16 on page 1) is the "Request for Servi ces." It is usually completed by the case attorney after he/she has selected a particular contractor, negotiated the work to be performed, and agreed upon the cost of performing the work. After completing Part I, the case attorney, or designee, should forward the Form OBD-47 for funding approval.
2. Part II of Form OBD-47 (Blocks 17 through 19.c on page 2) is the "Funding Appro val." Approval (signature in Block 19) should be granted by the litigating component's Executive, Administrative, or Budget O fficer or other designated person within the organization. Once funding approval has been granted, the form should be forwa rded to the component's procurement office for further processing.
3. Part III of Form OBD-47 (Blocks 20 through 21.c on page 2) comprise the "Contra ct" for professional services. Once funding approval has been granted in Part II, the form and associated Statement of Work shall be forwarded to the organization's procurement office. The procurement office will attach to the proposed contrac $t$ appropriate contract clauses and other relevant terms and conditions contained in Form OBD-47 (Clauses). This form need not be attached to contracts valued at less than $\$ 2,500$. A Department of Justice Contracting Officer will execute the contract by signing in Block 21.a of the form. It is important that the Contracting Officer has sufficient delegated procurement aut hority to obligate the Government for this expenditure. The Contracting Officer, signing in Part III of the form, will ge nerally reside within the litigating component's procurement office. However, signature by a Contracting Officer outside the im mediate office will need to be obtained in those instances where the dollar value of the proposed contract exceeds the delegated procurement authority of individuals within the local office. The procurement office will then obtain the Contractor's signatu re in Block 20.a of the form, whereby the Contractor agrees to perform the services.
4. Form OBD-47A is entitled, "Required Procurement and Payment Data for Contracts for Services of Expert Witness, Litigative Consultant, or ADR Neutral." It is used to collect certain required data from the Contractor to (1) permit the procurement office to prepare quarterly procurement reports for the General Services Administratio $n$ and (2) permit the Contractor to be paid via Electronic Funds Transfer. The procurement office will furnish this form to the Contractor for completion at the same time it forwards the Form OBD-47 contract for signature. If the Contractor does not ha ve a DUNS Number as required on the form, the DOJ Contracting Officer must obtain one by calling 888-546-0024 and furnish ing the DOJ Agency Code 1501, Office Code P0S01, as well as the Contractor's name, address, and telephone number.
5. Form OBD-47 (MOD) is entitled, "Request, Authorization, and Modification of Con tract for Services of Expert Witness, Litigative Consultant, or ADR Neutral." It is used whenever it is necessary to change the work to be performed, the performance period, or funding, or any combination of these. The processing of Form OBD-47 (MOD) is identical to that of Form OBD-47.
6. After the contract (Form OBD-47) or contract modification (Form OBD-47 (MOD)) is signed by the Contractor and DOJ Contracting Officer, distribution should be as follows:
7. The original and one (1) photocopy of the entire Form OBD-47 contract (as well as any OBD-47 (MOD) modifications to the contract) should be maintained by the litigating component's procurement office. The completed Form OBD-47A, submitted by the Contractor, should also be maintained in the contract file by the procurement office.
8. One (1) photocopy of the entire Form OBD-47 (as well as any OBD-47 (MOD)) should be provided to the Contractor and one (1) photocopy retained by the case attorney.
9. After services have been completed, the Contractor should submit his/her invoic e in accordance with paragraph A. 2 of Attachment 1 to the Form OBD-47, entitled "Invoice Requirements." If services are acceptable, the case attorney (or other designated person within the organization) should sign and date the invoice, ac cepting the services. If services are not acceptable or the invoice is not correct, the Contractor must be notified immed iately to resolve the problems.

| 8. | The case attorney (or other designated person within the organization) should forward the approved invoice and a photocopy of <br> Form OBD-47 (and OBD-47 (MOD), if applicable) to the designated person within the case office or administrative office to <br> initiate the payment process. |
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| 9. | A copy of all Forms OBD-47, OBD-47 (MOD) and approved invoices, associated with the case, shall, as a minimum, be <br> maintained by the organization's procurement or administrative office. |
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Instructions for Use of Forms OBD-47, 47A and 47 (MOD)

| Specific Instructions: Form OBD-47, <br> "Request, Authorization, and Contract for Services of Expert Witness, Litigative Consultant or ADR Neutral" |  |
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| Block 21 | Self-explanatory. The Contracting Officer signing the contract must have a Del egation of Procurement Authority (DPA) issued by the JMD Procurement Services Staff. The estimated do llar value of the contract must be within the Contracting Officer's DPA. If the value of the contract exc eeds the DPA, the litigating component's procurement office will forward the proposed contract for signature to the appropriate organization having the requisite procurement authority. |
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| Contract/ <br> Purchase Order <br> Number | Insert in the unnumbered Block at the top of the form entitled, "Contract/Purch ase Order Number," the Contract or Purchase Order Number appearing at the top of the Form OBD-47 being modified. |
| Blocks 1-7 | This information can be obtained from Part I of the Form OBD-47 being modified. |
| Block 8.a | Self-explanatory. |
| Block 8.b \& c | Prior to sending the Form OBD-47 (MOD) forward for funding approval (i.e., sign ature in Block 12), the case attorney or other official in the litigating organization should come to agreem ent with the proposed contractor on the estimated cost of the work covered by the modification and the start and stop dates for the period of performance. The estimated cost and time of performance will become binding up on the contractor once the modification is signed. |
| Block 8.d | The litigating component's procurement office will fill in the "Modification Nu mber." This is a sequential number, beginning with 001 . It identifies the number of modifications issued a gainst the particular OBD-47contract being modified. This number should be obtained after funding app roval has been granted (i.e., signature in block 12 of Form OBD-47 (MOD)). |
| Block 8.e | Insert the date the contract modification is to take effect. This date should generally be no earlier than the date the contract modification is signed by the Contracting Officer in Block 14.a. An exception to this rule is in urgent cases where a "Confirming Order" is authorized. |
| Block 9 | Insert a description of what must be changed in the contract as a result of the modification. If a revised Statement of Work or a change page to the Statement of Work is attached to the modification, the changes should be highlighted on the revised document or change page. |
| Block 10 | The individual designated to approve funding should select the correct appropri ation data to insert in this block. |
| Block 11.a | Insert the current period of performance dates and the dollar amount of funding currently obligated on the contract (including all previous modifications). |
| Block 11.b | Insert the period of performance for this modification and the dollar amount be ing added or deleted as a result of the current modification. If this modification is incrementally funded (i. e., the funding amount is less than the estimated cost in Block 8.c), the period of performance must reflect the ne w date through which funding should be sufficient. |
| Block 11.c | Insert the new total dollars obligated on the contract as a result of the curre nt modification (Note: the electronic form will automatically calculate this amount). |
| Block 12 | The individual designated to approve funding on the Form OBD-47 (MOD) is discre tionary with the litigating organization, but it is probably the same individual who approved the funding on the original OBD-47contract. The person signing in Block 12 is not permitted to also sign in Block 14.a. |
| Part III | Check one of the two available options for the particular type of modification: <br> Check the first box if the modification will result in a significant change to the original contract, such as one which would change the description of work to be performed, the performance period, or funding. If the first box is checked, both the Contractor and the Contracting Officer mu st sign the modification (in Blocks 13.a and 14.a) agreeing to it. As with the base contract, the dolla r value of the modification must be within the Contracting Officer's Delegation of Procurement Authority (DPA). Modifications exceeding the Contracting Officer's DPA must be signed outside the immediate li tigating organization. <br> Check the second box if the modification merely makes administrative changes su ch as changes in the appropriation data or paying office. If the second box is checked, only the Contracting Officer must sign the modification (in Block 14.a). |

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> Specific Instructions: Form OBD-47 (MOD),
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Blocks 13 \& 14
The instructions for these blocks are the same as for Blocks 20 and 21 of the F orm OBD-47 contract.

