

**REQUEST FOR RECORDS DISPOSITION AUTHORITY**  
(See Instructions on reverse)

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JOB NO <b>NC 1-64 - 77 - 5</b>	
DATE RECEIVED <b>16 FEB 1977</b>	
NOTIFICATION TO AGENCY	
In accordance with the provisions of 44 U.S.C. 3303a the disposal request, including amendments, is approved except for items that may be stamped "disposal not approved" or "withdrawn" in column 10	
<i>3-1-77</i> Date	<i>James B. Rhoads</i> Archivist of the United States

TO **GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,  
NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS SERVICE, WASHINGTON, DC 20408**

1 FROM (AGENCY OR ESTABLISHMENT)  
**General Services Administration**

2 MAJOR SUBDIVISION  
**National Archives and Records Service**

3 MINOR SUBDIVISION  
**Office of Federal Records Centers**

4 NAME OF PERSON WITH WHOM TO CONFER  
**Ronald L. Heise**

5 TEL EXT  
**724-1698**

6 CERTIFICATE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE

I hereby certify that I am authorized to act for this agency in matters pertaining to the disposal of the agency's records; that the records proposed for disposal in this Request of 7 page(s) are not now needed for the business of this agency or will not be needed after the retention periods specified.

A Request for immediate disposal.

B Request for disposal after a specified period of time or request for permanent retention.

C DATE <b>2/15/77</b>	D SIGNATURE OF AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE <i>Carmelita S. Ryan</i>	E TITLE <b>Acting Director, Records Disposition Division</b>
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7 ITEM NO	8 DESCRIPTION OF ITEM (With Inclusive Dates or Retention Periods)	9 SAMPLE OR JOB NO	10 ACTION TAKEN
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>GENERAL RECORDS SCHEDULE #3</b> (Revised) Procurement, Supply and Grant Records</p> <p>GRS 3 is revised to include records relating to grant programs in Federal agencies (Items 14-18).</p>		<b>30 items</b>

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#### Procurement, Supply and Grant Records

Agency procurement and supply records document the acquisition of goods and non-personal services, controlling the volume of stock on hand, reporting procurement needs, and related supply matters which are part of daily procurement operations. The basic procurement files reflect a considerable range of procedure, from simple small purchase to complicated prime contractor and subcontractor operations.

Any records created prior to 1895 must first be offered to the National Archives and Records Service for possible permanent retention before applying the disposal instructions. Frequently copies of procurement papers become integral parts of other files in the agency, such as project files of various types of general subject files pertaining to program operations; such copies are not covered by this schedule because they cannot be considered and evaluated separately from the files of which they are a part.

The General Accounting Office no longer requires agencies to maintain a separate file of contracts for site audit. The agency contract files maintained in the contracting officer's office are accessible to GAO auditors and have been generally used by them in the past.

In no event may disposal be made of records pertaining to accounts, claims or demands involving the Government of the United States which have not yet been settled or adjusted by the General Accounting Office without written approval of the Comptroller General, as required by 44 U.S.C. 3309.

Records documenting procurement and supply in the agencies are largely standardized by various regulations of the Comptroller General and the Administrator of General Services. The physical arrangement of the transaction files themselves differs in the various agencies, however. In all agencies the official contract files, for example, contain a minimum core of specified documents, but there are also other documents that vary in accordance with what the individual agency deems to be best for its own operating purposes.

The key procurement file is the transaction case file containing the formal contract or informal purchase order or lease instruments and all related papers. The documents flowing into the transaction file differ in detail, but they include, in addition to the purchase document, specifications, bids, schedules of delivery, initiating requisition, invoices, and correspondence. Other copies of these documents, made for expediting and other administrative purposes, are scattered throughout the inspection, shipping, expediting, and other units of the agency procurement organization.

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Other files related to the procurement and supply function include reports used for supply management purposes by the agency creating the records as well as the staff agency involved with Government-wide programs, local requisition and stock inventory files, and other minor supply papers.

Of a specialized character in the procurement field are the title papers documenting the acquisition of real property (by purchase, condemnation, donation, exchange, or otherwise). These papers are required by the Government as long as the property remains in Government hands or if it has been sold or released conditionally or with recapture clauses. When properties are disposed of by quitclaim deeds, this fact should be confirmed prior to the disposal of the title papers, since the title evidence might be needed by the Government to defend the title in the event the properties were disposed of by deeds containing general or special warranties.

It should also be ascertained that the title evidence relates only to the properties which were sold by the Government. In many instances, lands acquired by the Government are disposed of in different size parcels, and if the Government retains the title to any portion the title evidence should be retained.

This schedule does not apply to Interior Department records relating to the public domain or to the title opinion files of the Department of Justice.

This schedule has been revised to include the most frequently found agency records relating to grant programs. Since many Federal agencies conduct grant programs which document projects contracted between the agency and an outside party, these records are included as an adjunct to procurement and supply records.

<u>ITEM NO.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION OF RECORDS</u>	<u>AUTHORIZED DISPOSITION</u>
1.	<u>Unique Procurement Files.</u> Procurement files (as in item 4, below) documenting the initiation and development of transactions that deviate from established precedents with respect to general agency procurement programs, other than those covered by Item 13.	Submit SF 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority.

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2.	<p><u>Real Property Files.</u></p> <p>Title papers documenting the acquisition of real property by purchase condemnation, donation, exchange or otherwise; including all records for property acquired other than abstract or certificate of title.</p>	<p>Destroy 10 years after unconditional sale or release by the government of conditions, restrictions, or other liens.</p>
3.	<p><u>General Correspondence Files.</u></p> <p>Correspondence files of operating procurement units concerning internal operation and administration matters not covered elsewhere in this schedule.</p>	<p>Destroy when 2 years old.</p>
4.	<p><u>Routine Procurement Files.</u></p> <p>Contract, requisition, purchase order, lease, and bond and surety records, including correspondence and related papers pertaining to award, administration, receipt, inspection and payment (other than those covered in Items 1, 2, 13, and 15).</p>	
	<p>a. Procurement or purchase organization copy, and related papers.</p>	
	<p>(1) Transactions of more than \$10,000 and all construction contracts exceeding \$2,000, dated subsequent to July 25, 1974.</p>	<p>Destroy 6 years and 3 months after final payment. (Place in inactive file payment, transfer fiscal year block to Federal records center after 2 years.)</p>
	<p>(2) Transactions of \$10,000 or less and construction contracts under \$2,000, dated subsequent to July 25, 1974; and transactions of \$2,500 or less dated prior to July 25, 1974.</p>	<p>Destroy 3 years after final payment. (Close file at the end of the fiscal year, retain 3 years and destroy, except files on which actions are pending shall be brought forward to the next fiscal year's files for destruction therewith.)</p>

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	(3) Transactions of more than \$2,500 dated prior to July 25, 1974.	Destroy 6 years after final payment.
	b. Obligation copy.	Destroy when funds are obligated.
	c. Other copies of records described above used by component elements of a procurement office for administrative purposes.	Destroy upon termination or completion.
5.	<u>Supply Management Files.</u>	
	Files of reports on supply requirements and procurement matters submitted for supply management purposes (other than those incorporated in case files or other files of a general nature), exclusive of Department of Defense Reports reflecting procurement under exemptions authorized under Section 201(a) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 (40 U.S.C. 481).	
	a. Copies received from other units for internal purposes or for transmission to staff agencies.	Destroy when 2 years old.
	b. Copies in other reporting units, and related work papers.	Destroy when 1 year old.
6.	<u>Bid Files.</u>	
	a. Successful or unsuccessful bids.	Apply provisions of Item 4.
	b. Lists or cards of acceptable bidders.	Destroy when superseded or obsolete.

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7.	<u>Public Printer Files.</u>  Records relating to requisitions on the Printer, and all supporting papers.	
	a. Printing procurement unit copy of requisition, invoice, specifications, and related papers.	Destroy 3 years after completion or cancellation of requisition.
	b. Accounting copy of requisition.	Destroy 3 years after period covered by related account.
8.	<u>Nonpersonnel Requisition File.</u>  Requisitions for nonpersonnel services, such as duplicating, laundry, binding, and other services (excluding records associated with accountable officers' accounts Schedule 6 ).	Destroy when 1 year old.
9.	<u>Inventory Requisition File.</u>  Requisitions for supplies and equipment for current inventory.	
	a. Stockroom copy.	Destroy 2 years after completion or cancellation of requisition.
	b. All other copies.	Destroy when 6 months old.
10.	<u>Inventory Files.</u>  a. Inventory lists.	Destroy 2 years from date of list.
	b. Inventory cards.	Destroy 2 years after discontinuance of Item or 2 years after stock balance is transferred to new card or recorded under a new classification, or 2 years after equipment is removed from agency control.

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	c. Report of survey files and other papers used as evidence for adjustment of inventory records, not otherwise covered in the GRS.	Destroy 2 years after date of survey action or date of posting medium.
11.	<u>Telephone Records.</u>	
	Telephone statements and toll slips.	Destroy 3 years after period covered by related account.
12.	<u>Contractor's Payroll Files.</u>	
	Contractors' payrolls (construction contracts) submitted in accordance with Labor Department regulations, with related certifications, anti-kickback affidavits, and other related papers.	Destroy 3 years after date of completion of contract unless contract performance is subject of enforcement action on such date.
13.	<u>Tax Exemption Files.</u>	
	Tax exemption certificates, and related papers.	Destroy 3 years after period covered by related account.
14.	<u>Grant Application Files.</u>	
	Applications, memoranda, correspondence and other records relating to the decision to accept or reject grant applications.	
	a. Rejected applications.	Destroy 5 years after rejection.
	b. Accepted applications.	See Item 15 of this schedule.
15.	<u>Grant Case Files.</u>	
	Proposals or applications, contracts, project reports, studies, certificates, agreements, memoranda, correspondence, and other records relating to receipt, review, award, evaluation, status and monitoring of grants; allocation of funds, and project budgets.	Submit SF 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority.

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16.	<u>Grant Control Files.</u>  Indexes, registers, logs or other records relating to control of assigning numbers or identifying projects, applications and grants.	Destroy when superseded or obsolete.
17.	<u>Grant Correspondence and Subject Files.</u>  a. Correspondence and/or subject files including memoranda, studies, reports, forms and other records relating to the legal establishment of the grant program, its policies and basic procedures, and the management and evaluation of grants.  b. Correspondence and/or subject files relating to routine operations and daily activities in administration of the grant program.	Submit SF 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority.  Destroy when 2 years old.
18.	<u>Final Product Files.</u>  Published reports, books, studies, audiovisual materials, or any other final grant product and related records.	Submit SF 115, Request for Records Disposition Authority.