

SECTION V

WORK ITEM PHILOSOPHY

A. Work Items are technical documents that convert work requirements to clear, concise, well defined, and contractually sound terms. Each becomes a legally binding contractual document that is the determining factor as to what the Government will receive from the contractor accomplishing the work. They must provide sufficient information to the contractor to define precisely the minimum requirements of the Government and be free of language open to diverse interpretations.

B. Work Items normally describe what to do rather than how to accomplish the work. There are instances where the Government desires that the work must be accomplished in a specific manner. In these instances the procedures must be clearly defined, but should not be so worded that they unreasonably restrict competition.

C. Work Items must be written in a logical sequence of work operation whenever possible (i.e., remove, disassemble, inspect, report, repair, reassemble, reinstall, and test).

D. Each Work Item must clearly define the work requirements and be as self-contained as possible to enable the user to understand the requirements without having to research a myriad of reference data. The Work Item requirements must include the minimum specific tests and inspections that must be accomplished by the contractor to ensure that the desired quality is achieved.

E. Work Items should be limited to the requirements necessary to achieve the desired result and should not upgrade equipment and installations to exceed original design requirements without approval of the customer. Work Items shall not alter the military characteristics of any ship or in any other manner require repairs or modifications to equipment or systems that would normally be considered to be under the purview of the Fleet Modernization Program (A and K ALTS) or Type Commander Alterations Equivalent to a Repair (AER - D and F ALTS) without prior approval of NAVSEA.