



**Note:**

- **Bona fide need:** An appropriation or fund limited for obligation to a definite period is available only for payment of expenses properly incurred during the period of availability, or to complete contracts properly made and obligated within the period of availability. That is, the obligation must be to satisfy a need of the agency that arose during the period of availability (with certain limited exceptions) and must meet the purpose and availability of funds established in the appropriation.
- **Severable:** A service that can be separated into components that independently meet a need of the government. The services are continuing and recurring and, by definition, address needs of the time the services are rendered
- **Non-severable:** A service that, by its nature, cannot be separated for performance in separate fiscal years. The service involves work which cannot be separated into components for performance in different fiscal years, but constitutes a specific, entire job with a defined end product that must be performed as a single task to meet a need of the government.