## **Professional Carpet Service**

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## **HELLO GSA...**



**GAO** determined that if you need 500 square yards (sy) of carpet to cover a floor space of 450 sy, you do not charge to install 500 sy, which includes the waste factor; you charge 450 sy to install and 500 sy to furnish. Your people are charging the material size for the install. This is often a perk done in the trade, but it is not proper or sensible. GAO is correct. The government frequently over orders for stock and repairs, besides the waste factor that is not installed.

The floor prep charge is a shocker. The government cannot pay someone to monitor carpet jobs for the floor prep moment. The contractor cannot stop, and wait for it. 99% of the jobs get no floor prep worth charging. It should be in the installation price. If it is truly substantial the job should stop and be negotiated. Professional Carpet Service has charged floor prep for less than 5% of all jobs done since 1960. Every job done by others has big time floor prep charges.

Charging to put carpet in the agency's dumpster should not be allowed. Hauling it away to recycle or public dumps with dump fees is chargeable.

I suggest service contracts all be done per person/hour. It is the only simple way to beat the rap of an unknown trade language and unseen conditions, that require extensive time, knowledge and research of each trade by highly paid governmental personnel.

More will follow. My tax payer blood is thicker than my contractor blood. The open market is getting better prices than GSA.

