



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

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SUBPART 1406.2 -- FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION AFTER EXCLUSION OF SOURCES

1406.202 Establishing or maintaining alternative sources

(b)(1) HCAs are authorized to approve the D&Fs to establish or maintain an alternative source or sources for supplies or services.

SUBPART 1406.3 -- OTHER THAN FULL AND OPEN COMPETITION

1406.302 Circumstances permitting other than full and open competition

1406.302-7 Public interest

(c)(3) The D&F and complete justification to support use of public interest authority for other than full and open competition shall be prepared by the CO and submitted through the HCA to the Director, PAM for further action.

1406.303 Justifications

1406.303-1 Requirements

(d) Justifications for contract actions under [FAR 6.303-1\(d\)](#) shall be forwarded by the CO directly to the Office of the United States Trade Representative.

1406.303-70 Additional requirements

(a) If other than full and open competition is recommended by the office initiating an acquisition requirement, the recommendation shall:

1. be in writing,
2. accompany the requisition,
3. contain the information required by [FAR 6.303-2](#), and
4. request the CO to conduct a market survey by issuing a synopsis of the proposed contract action (see [1405.207](#)). The initiating office shall evaluate and document all responses to the notice. The CO shall prepare the D&F that only one source can meet the Government's needs, based on the evaluation results. The evaluation results shall be included in the justification as required by [FAR 6.303-2\(a\)\(8\)](#), if it is determined that only one source can meet the Government's needs. The CO shall proceed in accordance with [FAR 15.402\(g\)](#), if it is determined that more than one source can meet the Government's needs.

(b) The procedure in (a) above is not required for proposed contract actions to be awarded under the authority in [FAR 6.302-2](#) when the CO determines that preparation and approval of the justification would unreasonably delay the acquisition. Under these circumstances, a justification may be prepared and approved after award in accordance with [FAR 6.303-1\(e\)](#).

1406.304 Approval of the justification

(c) A class justification shall be approved in accordance with bureau procedures. Copies of approved class justifications shall be promptly transmitted to PAM.

SUBPART 1406.5 -- COMPETITION ADVOCATES

1406.501 Requirement

(a) The competition advocate for DOI is located within PAM's staff. Applicable correspondence should be addressed to PAM, Attention: Competition Advocate.

(b) Competition advocates for each bureau and office shall be as designated by the AS/PMB.

1406.502 Duties and responsibilities

(a) PAM is responsible for preparing and submitting the annual report required by [FAR 6.502\(a\)\(3\)](#). Bureau competition advocates shall furnish certain information, as may be required, to assist PAM in preparing the report.

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