



MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND

Government Acquisition Procedures

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Learning Objectives

- **The overarching objective of this module is to introduce you to the federal acquisition procedures commonly used by MSC.**
- **At the conclusion of this module, you will understand and be able to describe the following:**
 - **FAR Part 8, Required Sources of Supplies and Services**
 - **FAR Part 12, Acquisition of Commercial Items**
 - **FAR Part 13, Simplified Acquisition Procedures**
 - **FAR Part 15, Contracting by Negotiation**



Federal Acquisition Procedures

- **FAR prescribe four basic forms of government acquisition procedures that are commonly used by MSC:**
 - FAR Part 8, Required Sources of Supplies and Services
 - FAR Part 12, Acquisition of Commercial Items
 - FAR Part 13, Simplified Acquisition Procedures
 - FAR Part 15, Contracting by Negotiation



FAR Part 8

Required Sources of Supplies and Services

- **Except as otherwise provided by law, agencies shall satisfy requirements through the following mandatory sources:**
 - **Supplies (listed in descending order of priority):**
 - Inventories of requiring agency
 - Excess from other agencies
 - Federal Prison Industries, Inc.
 - Supplies on the Procurement List maintained by the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled
 - Wholesale supply sources
 - **Services**
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 - **Printing and related supplies**
 - Government Printing Office (GPO)



FAR Part 8

Required Sources (cont.)

- If unable to satisfy requirements through mandatory sources, agencies are encouraged to consider the following non-mandatory sources :
 - Supplies (not listed in any order of priority):
 - Federal Supply Schedules
 - Government-wide acquisition contracts
 - Multi-agency contracts
 - Any other procurement instruments intended for use by multiple agencies, including blanket purchase agreements (BPAs) under Federal Supply Schedule contracts
 - Services
 - Federal Prison Industries, Inc.



FAR Part 12

Acquisition of Commercial Items

- If unable to satisfy requirements through FAR Part 8 required sources, federal government prefers satisfying requirements through acquisition of commercial items
 - “Commercial items” are goods (other than real property) or services customarily offered to, sold to, leased by, or licensed for use by general public or non-Governmental entities for non-Governmental purposes



FAR Part 13

Simplified Acquisition Procedures

- **Applies in instances in which:**
 - Goods or services are not available through FAR Part 8 required sources
 - Aggregate amount of good or services being procured does not exceed simplified acquisition threshold
 - \$150K for non-commercial items
 - \$7.0M for commercial items



FAR Part 15, Contracting by Negotiation

- **Applies to acquisition of commercial and non-commercial items for which aggregate value exceeds simplified acquisition threshold**



Let's Review

- Describe the provisions of FAR Part 8, Required Sources of Supplies and Services.
- What are commercial items?
- What is the key advantage of FAR Part 12 acquisitions?
- Describe the applicability of FAR Part 13 acquisition procedures.
- Which of the four acquisition procedures used by MSC involves the most complex contract provisions and clauses, and most complex source selection process?



Summary

- **During this module, we have discussed the federal acquisition procedures commonly used by MSC:**
 - FAR Part 8, Required Sources of Supplies and Services
 - FAR Part 12, Acquisition of Commercial Items
 - FAR Part 13, Simplified Acquisition Procedures
 - FAR Part 15, Contracting by Negotiation



Additional Information

- **For additional information, please refer to:**
 - **FAR Part 8, Required Sources of Supplies and Services**
 - **FAR Part 12, Acquisition of Commercial Items**
 - **FAR Part 13, Simplified Acquisition Procedures**
 - **FAR Part 15, Contracting by Negotiation**



Final Questions





Revision History

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