



MILITARY SEALIFT COMMAND

Government Contracting Competition Requirements

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Learning Objectives

- **The overarching objective of this module is to introduce you to the competition requirements associated with government contracting.**
- **At the conclusion of this module, you will understand and be able to describe:**
 - **Full and open competition**
 - **Full and open competition after exclusion of sources**
 - **Other than full and open competition**



Competition Requirements

- Promoting competition to the maximum extent feasible is one of the key objectives associated with federal agency contracting
- FAR Part 6 describes three different levels of competition:
 - Full and open competition
 - Full and open competition after exclusion of sources
 - Other than full and open competition



Full and Open Competition

- FAR Part 6 requires that Contracting Officers promote and provide for full and open competition in soliciting offers and awarding Government contracts, with certain limited exceptions



Full and Open Competition After Exclusion of Sources

- **FAR 6.2 stipulates that Contracting Officers may set aside certain solicitations to allow only certain business concerns to compete**
 - **Small Businesses (FAR 6.203)**
 - **HUBZone Small Businesses (FAR 6.204)**
 - **Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (FAR 6.205)**
 - **Economically Disadvantaged Women-Owned Small Businesses (EDWOSB) (FAR 6.206)**
 - **Women-Owned Small Businesses (WOSB) (FAR 6.207)**
 - **Local Firms During a Major Disaster or Emergency (FAR 6.208)**



Other Than Full and Open Competition

- **FAR 6.3 provides specific exceptions to the requirements for full and open competition**
 - Only one responsible source and no other supplies or services will satisfy agency requirements (FAR 6.302-1)
 - Unusual and compelling urgency (FAR 6.302-2)
 - Industrial mobilization; engineering, developmental, or research capability; or expert services (FAR 6.302-3)
 - International agreement (FAR 6.302-4)
 - Authorized or required by statute (FAR 6.302-5)
 - National security (FAR 6.302-6)
 - Public interest (FAR 6.302-7)



J&A Approval Authority

- **COMSCINST 4255.2 (series), Contracting With Other Than Full and Open Competition**
 - ≤ \$500K - MSC Contracting Officer
 - > \$500K, but ≤ \$1M - MSC N10FE
 - > \$1M, but ≤ \$3M - MSC N101, N102, N103, N10LANT or N10PAC
 - > \$3M , but ≤ \$10M - MSC N10 or N10X
 - > \$10M , but ≤ \$50M - MSC Executive Director
 - > \$50M - Navy Senior Procurement Executive (i.e., Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition))



Let's Review

- **What are the three levels of competition associated with federal government contracting?**
- **What is the preferred level of competition for federal government contracting?**
- **Who is responsible for providing justification for less than full and open competition?**
- **Who is responsible for approving less than full and open competition?**



Summary

- **During this module, we have discussed the three levels of competition associated with federal government contracting:**
 - Full and open competition
 - Full and open competition after exclusion of sources
 - Other than full and open competition



Additional Information

- **For additional information, please refer to:**
 - **Federal Acquisition Regulations, Part 6, Competition Requirements**
 - **COMSCINST 4255.2 (series), Contracting With Other Than Full and Open Competition**
 - **DOD Education Activity Procurement Customer Guide, October 2005**
 - **DOD Guidebook for the Acquisition of Services**



Final Questions





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