



**PREP ASSIGNMENT
SEASON 2023, EPISODE 12
JUNE 14, 2023
FAR PART 17
SPECIAL CONTRACTING METHODS**

Preparation Assignment (20 points each)

Fill In the Blank Questions:

1. Multi-year contracting is a special contracting method to acquire known requirements in quantities and total cost not over planned requirements for up to 5 years unless otherwise authorized by statute, even though the total funds ultimately to be obligated may not be available at the time of contract award. This method may be used in sealed bidding or contracting by negotiation. [Hint: Check out **FAR 17.104**]
2. In determining cancellation ceilings, the contracting officer must estimate reasonable reproduction or startup, labor learning, and other nonrecurring costs to be incurred by an "average" prime contractor or subcontractor, which would be applicable to, and which normally would be amortized over, the items or services to be furnished under the multi-year requirements. [Hint: Check out: **FAR 17.106-1**]
3. The contracting officer need not evaluate offers for any option quantities when it is determined that evaluation would not be in the best interests of the Government and this determination is approved at a level above the contracting officer. [Hint: Check out: **FAR 17.206**]
4. Prior to the issuance of a solicitation, the servicing agency and the requesting agency shall both sign a written interagency agreement that establishes the general terms and conditions governing the relationship between the parties, including roles and responsibilities for acquisition planning, contract execution, and administration and management of the contract(s) or order(s). [Hint: Check out **FAR 17.502-1**]
5. The contracting officer shall review each management and operating contract, following agency procedures, at appropriate intervals and at least once every 5 years. The review should determine whether meaningful improvement in performance or cost might reasonably be achieved. Any extension or renewal of an operating and management contract must be authorized at a level within the agency no lower than the level at which the original contract was authorized in accordance with 17.602(a). [Hint: Check out: **FAR 17.605**]

“Look ‘Em Ups” (Enter the FAR cite and Answer)

1. What does a DoD contracting officer need to include in a Determination and Finding to justify the use of “multi-year” contracting to fulfill mission needs?

(b) For DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard, the head of the agency may enter into a multi-year contract for supplies if-

(1) The use of such a contract will result in significant savings of the total estimated costs of carrying out the program through annual contracts;

(2) The minimum need to be purchased is expected to remain substantially unchanged during the contemplated contract period in terms of production rate, procurement rate, and total quantities;

(3) There is a stable design for the supplies to be acquired, and the technical risks associated with such supplies are not excessive;

(4) There is a reasonable expectation that, throughout the contemplated contract period, the head of the agency will request funding for the contract at a level to avoid contract cancellation; and

(5) The estimates of both the cost of the contract and the cost avoidance through the use of a multi-year contract are realistic.

2. What does a contracting officer need to include in a Determination and Finding to support the exercise of an option year in a “multiple year” contract.

(c) The contracting officer may exercise options only after determining that-

(1) Funds are available;

(2) The requirement covered by the option fulfills an existing Government need;

(3) The exercise of the option is the most advantageous method of fulfilling the Government’s need, price and other factors (see paragraphs (d) and (e) of this section) considered;

(4) The option was synopsisized in accordance with part 5 unless exempted by 5.202(a)(11) or other appropriate exemptions in 5.202;

(5) The contractor does not have an active exclusion record in the System for Award Management (see FAR 9.405-1);

(6) The contractor’s past performance evaluations on other contract actions have been considered; and

(7) The contractor’s performance on this contract has been acceptable, e.g., received satisfactory ratings.

FAR Question: What three (3) “statements” must be included in a Determination and Finding to support the use of “interagency acquisitions” under the Economy Act?

(c) Requirements for determinations and findings.

(1) Each Economy Act order to obtain supplies or services by interagency acquisition shall be supported by a determination and findings (D&F). The D&F shall-

(i) State that use of an interagency acquisition is in the best interest of the Government;

(ii) State that the supplies or services cannot be obtained as conveniently or economically by contracting directly with a private source; and

(iii) Include a statement that at least one of the following circumstances applies:

(A) The acquisition will appropriately be made under an existing contract of the servicing agency, entered into before placement of the order, to meet the requirements of the servicing agency for the same or similar supplies or services.

(B) The servicing agency has the capability or expertise to enter into a contract for such supplies or services that is not available within the requesting agency.

(C) The servicing agency is specifically authorized by law or regulation to purchase such supplies or services on behalf of other agencies.

FUN Question: Speaking of “statements”, I have collected over time a list of “statements” from my favorite movies. For forty (40) “FUN” tell me (i) the name of the movie and (ii) the character who says each of statements set forth below.

1. “Do or do not, there is no try”
 - a.
2. “Leave the gun, take the cannoli”
 - a.
3. “We’re on a mission from God”
 - a.
4. “There is no crying in baseball”

1. Yoda (The Empire Strikes Back)
2. Peter Clemenza (The Godfather)
3. Elwood Blues (The Blues Brothers)
4. Jimmy Dugan (A League of Their Own)