



**PREP ASSIGNMENT
SEASON 2023, EPISODE NINE
May 3, 2023
FAR PART 15:
CONTRACTING BY NEGOTIATION**

Preparation Assignment (20 points each)

Fill In the Blank Questions:

1. A _____ process is appropriate when it may be in the best interest of the Government to consider award to other than the _____priced offeror or other than the _____rated offeror. [Hint: Check out **FAR 15.1**]
2. An early exchange of information among _____ and the _____, _____, and other _____ in the acquisition process can identify and resolve concerns regarding the _____, including proposed _____, terms and conditions, and acquisition planning schedules; the feasibility of the _____, including performance requirements, statements of work, and data requirements; the suitability of the _____ and _____, including the approach for assessing past performance information; the availability of _____; and any other industry _____ or _____. {Hint: Check out **FAR 15.2**}
3. _____ is an assessment of the proposal and the offeror's ability to perform the prospective contract successfully. An agency shall evaluate _____ and then assess their relative qualities solely on _____. [Hint: Check out **FAR 15.3**]
4. Debriefings of _____ and _____ offerors may be done _____, in _____, or by any other _____ acceptable to the _____. {Hint: Check out **FAR 15.5**}
5. Unsolicited proposals allow _____ and _____ ideas or approaches that have been developed _____ to be made available to Government agencies for use in _____ of their _____. [Hint: Check out **FAR 15.6**]

“Look ‘Em Ups” (Include your answer **AND** supporting FAR citation)

1. What are the four categories of information that must ALWAYS be “described” and included in a solicitation issued under a FAR Part 15 procurement?
2. What is the difference between “clarifications” and “communications”? What limitations must a contracting officer follow during these exchanges to ensure the integrity of a FAR Part 15 procurement.

FAR Question: What three (3) actions may a contracting officer take upon receiving notice of a “mistake” from a contractor after it has been awarded a FAR Part 15 contract?

FUN Question: Speaking of “mistakes”, one of my favorite “toys” that I played with as a kid was the result of a mistake during the performance of a research of and development contract whose purpose was to find a substitute for rubber during World War II. Tell me the name of that toy. For an additional twenty (20) FUN points, tell me the name of the government contractor AND the American company that currently sells the toy.