



**PREP ASSIGNMENT  
SEASON 2023, EPISODE TWENTY  
FAR PARTS 34 & 35:  
MAJOR SYSTEMS & R&D**

Preparation Assignment (20 points each)

**Fill In the Blank Questions:**

1. The program manager shall, throughout the acquisition process, promote full and open competition and sustain effective competition between alternative major system concepts and sources, as long as it is economically beneficial and practicable to do so. Notice of the proposed acquisition shall be given the broadest and most effective circulation practicable throughout the business, academic, and Government communities.  
[Hint: Check out **FAR 34.005**]
2. Systems acquisitions normally designated as major are those programs that, as determined by the agency head, (1) are directed at and critical to fulfilling an agency mission need, (2) entail allocating relatively large resources for the particular agency, and (3) warrant special management attention, including specific agency-head decisions. The agency procedures may establish additional criteria, as specified in A-109, for designating major programs system acquisitions.
3. In planning a developmental program when subsequent production contracts are contemplated, consideration should be given to the need and time required to obtain a technical package (plans, drawings, specifications, and other descriptive information) that can be used to achieve competition in production contracts. In some situations, the developmental contractor may be in the best position to produce such a technical package.  
[Hint: Check out **FAR 35.011**]
4. Although the Government ordinarily prefers fixed-price arrangements in contracting, this preference applies in R&D contracting only to the extent that goals, objectives, specifications, and cost estimates are sufficient to permit such a preference..  
[Hint: Check out **FAR 35.006**]
5. In order to facilitate a long-term relationship between the Government and an FFRDC, establish the FFRDC's mission, and ensure a periodic reevaluation of the FFRDC, a contract between the Government and the FFRDC shall be prepared when the FFRDC is established.  
[Hint: Check out **FAR 35.017**]

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

1. What four (4) specific types of information **MUST** be included in a broad agency announcement?

FAR 35.016

The BAA, together with any supporting documents, *shall-*

- (1) Describe the agency’s research interest, either for an individual program requirement or for broadly defined areas of interest covering the full range of the agency’s requirements;
- (2) Describe the criteria for selecting the proposals, their relative importance, and the method of evaluation;
- (3) Specify the period of time during which proposals submitted in response to the BAA will be accepted; and
- (4) Contain instructions for the preparation and submission of proposals.

2. What are the four (4) different contracts/stages that must be completed in a “major acquisition program”?

FAR 34.005-3, -4, -5, -6.

Concept Exploration  
Demonstration  
Full-Scale Development  
Full Production

FAR Question: What are the five (5) things that should be assessed by the Government and contractor during an Integrated Baseline Review?

FAR 34.202

(c) The IBR is a joint assessment by the *offeror or contractor, and the Government, of the-*

- (1) Ability of the project’s technical plan to achieve the objectives of the scope of work;
- (2) Adequacy of the time allocated for performing the defined tasks to successfully achieve the project schedule objectives;
- (3) Ability of the Performance Measurement Baseline (PMB) to successfully execute the project and attain cost objectives, recognizing the relationship between budget resources, funding, schedule, and scope of work;
- (4) Availability of personnel, facilities, and equipment when required, to perform the defined tasks needed to execute the program successfully; and

(5) The degree to which the management process provides effective and integrated technical/schedule/cost planning and baseline control.

When an EVMS is required.

FUN Question: Speaking of “five”, one of my favorite places to get a smashed burger in the Washington DC area is “Five Guys”. Tell me the year that this hamburger restaurant was founded. For an additional twenty (20) “fun” points tell me what three food preparation rules must be followed at all Five Guys franchises.

1986

1. Only use fresh ground beef.
2. Only use peanut oil.
3. There are no freezers in Five Guys locations, just coolers.