



REVIEW QUESTIONS
SEASON 2023, EPISODE 21
FAR PART 36, 37, 41, 48

Preparation Assignment (20 points each)

Fill In the Blank Questions:

1. The _____ *should* make appropriate arrangements for prospective offerors to inspect the _____ and to have the opportunity to examine _____ available to the Government which *may* provide information concerning the performance of the work, such as _____, original _____, and _____. [Hint: Check out **FAR 36.210**]
2. [W]hen a modification to a _____ contract is required because of an _____ or _____ in the services provided under an _____ contract, the *contracting officer* (with the advice of technical personnel and legal counsel) _____ consider the extent to which the _____ contractor _____ be reasonably liable. [Hint: Check out **FAR 36.608**]
3. *Contracting officers must* ensure that the use of _____ in contracts to acquire services on the basis of the _____ provided will not degrade the level of _____ required to fulfill the Government's requirements (see [15.305](#) for _____ and [15.404-1\(d\)](#) for _____). [Hint: Check out **FAR 37.115**]
4. *Value engineering* is the formal technique by which contractors *may* (1) _____ for performing more economically and share in any _____ or (2) be _____ a program to identify and submit to the Government _____. *Value engineering* attempts to eliminate, without impairing _____ or characteristics, anything that increases _____, _____, or _____ costs. [Hint: Check out **FAR 48.101**]
5. In selecting an appropriate mechanism for incorporating a _____ a contract, the *contracting officer shall* analyze the _____ available to determine which one would be in the Government's best interest. *Contracting officers should* balance the _____ of negotiating a _____ against the anticipated _____. [Hint: Check out **FAR 48.104-4**]

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

1. Under what circumstances is a contracting officer required to use “unit pricing” instead of “lump sum pricing” in a construction contract subject to FAR Part 36?
2. What three (3) things must be included in all “performance based” contracts?

FAR Question: As a general rule, an agency is not permitted to enter into a “personal services” contract unless specifically authorized by law. What six (6) “descriptive elements” should be used by a contracting officer to assess whether the services required by the government end user customer is “personal” or “non-personal”?

FUN Question: Speaking of “six”, one of my favorite Friday night TV shows growing up involved “six” children growing up in a house designed by their “architect” father. Tell me the name of the TV show. For an additional twenty (20) “FUN” points, tell me the name of the actor who played the father.