



**PREP ASSIGNMENT ANSWER  
KEY**

**SEASON 10, EPISODE 3**

**FAR PARTS 5&6**

**Preparation Assignment (20 points each)**

**Fill In the Blank Questions:**

1. For any requirement in the FAR to publish a notice, the contracting officer *must* transmit the notices to the GPE. [Hint: Check out **FAR 5.003**]
2. Except for the acquisition of commercial products or commercial services, agencies shall allow at least a 30-day response time for receipt of bids or proposals from the date of issuance of a solicitation, if the proposed contract action is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold. [Hint: Check out **FAR 5.203**]
3. When the same item or class of items is being acquired by more than one agency or by more than one contracting activity within an agency, the exchange and coordination of pertinent information, particularly cost and pricing data, between these agencies or contracting activities is necessary to promote uniformity of treatment of major issues and the resolution of particularly difficult or controversial issues. The exchange and coordination of information is particularly beneficial during the period of acquisition planning, presolicitation, evaluation, and pre-award survey.  
[Hint: Check out **FAR 5.405**]
4. When the agency's need for the supplies or services is of such an unusual and compelling urgency that the Government would be seriously injured unless the agency is permitted to limit the number of sources from which it solicits bids or proposals, full and open competition need not be provided for.  
[Hint: Check out **FAR 6.302**]
5. *A contracting officer shall* not commence negotiations for a sole source contract, commence negotiations for a contract resulting from an unsolicited proposal, or award any other contract without providing for full and open competition unless the *contracting officer-*
  - (1) Justifies if required in 6.302, the use of such actions in writing;
  - (2) Certifies the accuracy and completeness of the justification; and
  - (3) Obtains the approval required by 6.304. [Hint: Check out **FAR 6.303**]

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

1. Which specific sole source justification may not be supported by a Determination and Finding made on a “class basis”?

The Public Interest Justification. FAR 6.302-7

2. As a general rule, how many days prior to the publication of a solicitation must a contracting officer publicize a notice of contract action? Are there any exceptions to this general rule? If so, explain.

An agency must transmit a notice of proposed contract action to the GPE (see 5.201). All publicizing and response times are calculated based on the date of publication. The publication date is the date the notice appears on the GPE. The notice must be published at least 15 days before issuance of a solicitation, or a proposed contract action the Government intends to solicit and negotiate with only one source under the authority of 6.302, except that, for acquisitions of commercial products or commercial services, the contracting officer may-

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Establish a shorter period for issuance of the solicitation; or
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) Use the combined synopsis and solicitation procedure (see 12.603).

FAR 5.203(a)

Extra Credit: **FAR Part 6** provides guidance to help a contracting officer determine whether to use sealed bidding or competitive proposal to procure services and supplies. If “found”, what four (4) facts would require a contracting officer to use “sealed bidding” procedures?

Sealed bids. (See part 14 for procedures.) Contracting officers shall solicit sealed bids if-

- \_\_\_\_\_ (1) Time permits the solicitation, submission, and evaluation of sealed bids;
- \_\_\_\_\_ (2) The award will be made on the basis of price and other price-related factors;
- \_\_\_\_\_ (3) It is not necessary to conduct discussions with the responding offerors about their bids; and
- \_\_\_\_\_ (4) There is a reasonable expectation of receiving more than one sealed bid.

FAR 6.401(a)

FUN Question: Speaking of “sealed” documents, each year a prestigious organization require the opening of “sealed” envelopes prior to announcing winners of an award called an “Oscar”. What is the name of this organization. For an additional 20 “FUN” points tell me the name of the organization that is responsible for counting votes supporting each award decision and “sealing” the envelopes.

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