



PREPARATION ASSIGNMENT
SEASON 2023, EPISODE SEVEN
APRIL 5, 2023
FAR PARTS 12 AND 13:
COMMERCIAL
PRODUCTS/COMMERCIAL SERVICES
AND SIMPLIFIED ACQUISITION

Preparation Assignment (20 points each)

Fill In the Blank Questions:

- _____ should be an important element of _____ evaluation and contract award for commercial _____ and commercial _____. Contracting officers should consider _____ data from a wide variety of sources both _____ and _____ the Federal Government in accordance with the policies and procedures contained in subpart 9.1, _____, or subpart 15.3, as applicable. [Hint: Check out **FAR 12.2**]
- The contracting officer shall not _____ or otherwise include _____ in a solicitation or contract for commercial products or commercial services in a manner that is _____ for the item being acquired unless a waiver is approved in accordance with agency procedures. [Hint: Check out **FAR 12.3**]
- The implied _____ provides that an item is reasonably fit for the _____ for which such items are used. [Hint: Check out **FAR 12.4**]
- When it is desired to consummate a _____ [purchase order] between the parties before the contractor _____, the contracting officer _____ require _____ (see 2.101) acceptance of the purchase order by the contractor. [Hint: Check out **FAR 13.302**]
- A blanket purchase agreement (BPA) is a _____ method of filling _____ for supplies or services by establishing "_____ " with qualified sources of supply (see subpart 16.7 for additional coverage of agreements). [Hint: Check out **FAR 13.303**]

Commented [SD1]: Past performance should be an important element of every evaluation and contract award for commercial products and commercial services. Contracting officers should consider past performance data from a wide variety of sources both inside and outside the Federal Government in accordance with the policies and procedures contained in [subpart 9.1](#), [13.106](#), or [subpart 15.3](#), as applicable

Commented [FF2]: tailor any clause, any additional terms or conditions, inconsistent with customary commercial practice

Commented [FF3]: warranty of merchantability, ordinary purposes

Commented [SD4]: FAR 13.302-3

When it is desired to consummate a binding contract between the parties before the contractor undertakes performance, the contracting officer shall require written (see [2.101](#)) acceptance of the purchase order by the contractor.

Commented [SD5]: FAR 13.303(a)

A blanket purchase agreement (BPA) is a simplified method of filling anticipated repetitive needs for supplies or services by establishing "charge accounts" with qualified sources of supply (see [subpart 16.7](#) for additional coverage of agreements).

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

1. Which seven clauses found in FAR 52.212-4 may NOT be altered or tailored to conform to industry standard terms and conditions customarily used in a non-federal government commercial item acquisition?
2. Under what circumstances may a contract at the micro-purchase level be awarded by the Government with soliciting competitive quotations?

Extra Credit: What are the titles of the six (6) specific provisions that MUST be included in all blanket purchased agreements issued under FAR Part 13?

FUN Question: Speaking of “blankets”, one of my favorite Sunday morning comics featured a character who carried a blanket? What was the name of that comic? For twenty (20) additional “fun” points tell me the name of that character AND the name given to the blanket.

Commented [SD6]: FAR 12.302(b)

- (1) Assignments;
- (2) Disputes;
- (3) Payment (except as provided in [subpart 32.11](#));
- (4) Invoice;
- (5) Other compliances;
- (6) Compliance with laws unique to Government contracts; and
- (7) Unauthorized obligations.

Commented [SD7]: FAR 13.203(a)(2)

Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the contracting officer or individual appointed in accordance with [1.603-3\(b\)](#) considers the price to be reasonable.

Commented [SD8]: (1) *Description of agreement. A statement that the supplier shall furnish supplies or services, described in general terms, if and when requested by the contracting officer (or the authorized representative of the contracting officer) during a specified period and within a stipulated aggregate amount, if any.*

(2) *Extent of obligation. A statement that the Government is obligated only to the extent of authorized purchases actually made under the BPA.*

(3) *Purchase limitation. A statement that specifies the dollar limitation for each individual purchase under the BPA (see [13.303-5\(b\)](#)).*

(4) *Individuals authorized to purchase under the BPA. A statement that a list of individuals authorized to purchase under the BPA, identified either by title of position or by name of individual, organizational component, and the dollar limitation per purchase for each position title or individual shall be furnished to the supplier by the contracting officer.*

(5) *Delivery tickets. A requirement that all shipments under the agreement, except those for newspapers, magazines, or other periodicals, shall be accompanied by delivery tickets or sales slips that shall contain the following minimum information:*

- (i) Name of supplier.
- (ii) BPA number.
- (iii) Date of purchase.
- (iv) Purchase number.
- (v) Itemized list of supplies or services furnished.

(vi) *Quantity, unit price, and extension of each item, less applicable discounts (unit prices and extensions need not be shown when incompatible with the use of automated systems, provided that the invoice is itemized to show this information).*

(vii) *Date of delivery or shipment.*

(6) *Invoices. One of the following statements shall be included (except that the statement in paragraph (a)(6)(iii) ...*

Commented [FF9]: Kyle Reese, Skynet

Commented [SD10R9]: Peanuts

Linus

"Security/Happiness Blanket"