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:

1. _____ 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**]

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**]

3. The implied _____ provides that an item is reasonably fit for the _____ for which such items are used. [Hint: Check out **FAR 12.4**]

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**]

5. 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**]

"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 without 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.