

ADDENDUM to 52.212-2 EVALUATION--COMMERCIAL ITEMS (JAN 1999)

Small Business Set-aside – CASCADE PROCEDURE

The evaluation of offers received in response to the solicitation will use a tiered or cascading order of precedence. “Tiered evaluation of offers,” also known as “cascading evaluation of offers,” is a procedure used in negotiated acquisitions when market research is inconclusive for justifying limiting competition to small business concerns or sub-categories of small business concerns. The contracting officer --

(1) Solicits offers from both small and other than small business concerns that will be evaluated in the following tier order:

- (a) service-disabled veteran-owned small business (SDVOSB);
- (b) veteran-owned small business (VOSB);
- (c) all other small business concerns;
- (d) other than small business.

(2) If an award or a sufficient number of awards cannot be made at the first tier, evaluation of offers will proceed at the next lower tier until an award or a sufficient number of awards can be made.