

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

CASCADING PROCEDURES

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.

NOTE: The Government will award a Firm-Fixed Price contract to the responsible quoter using a comparative evaluation. The comparative evaluation will be performed in accordance with FAR 13.106-2(b)(3). The government reserves the right to select a quotation that provides benefit to the government that exceeds the minimum but is not required to do so. Quoters are advised that quotation may exceed the requirements but the government is not requesting or accepting alternate quotes; each response must respond to the solicitation requirement, stated in the RFQ.

Information not contained in a vendor's quote will not be considered during the evaluation. The Government intends to make award selection without clarification, but may determine after evaluating submitted quotes that the elements stated in FAR 13.106-2(b) for evaluation procedures are necessary, and conduct them as appropriate. The Government reserves the right to make no award if no quotes meet the requirements of this solicitation.