

Basis for Award

(a) In accordance with FAR 13.106-2(b)(3) Simplified Acquisition Procedures, the Government will award a Firm-Fixed Price contract from this solicitation to the responsible quoter on a comparative evaluation-basis-whose-quote-conforms-to-the-solicitation-and represent the government by exceeding 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.

(b) In order for a quote to be eligible for award, the quoters submitting a quote must have the **337127 Institutional Furniture Manufacturing. (1,250 employees—** SBA Size Standard) and has a current registration in the System for Award Management (SAM): <https://www.sam.gov/portal/public/SAM> prior to award. SAM will be checked to verify the quoter's status before any evaluation is conducted.

(c) This requirement is a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) set-aside with Small Business Set-aside -cascading procedures. In order for a quote to be eligible for award as a SDVOSB or VOSB, the quoters submitting a quote shall be certified in Veterans Information Page (VIP VetBiz) <http://www.vetbiz.gov/> prior to award. VIP Vetbiz will be checked to verify the quoter's SDVOSB/VOSB certification before any evaluation is conducted.

(d) The government will apply the following comparative evaluation process as the basis for award:

Assess the direct comparison of one quote with another using a uniform and fair approach to determine which quote provides the government what it needs, where and when in accordance with the SOW and RFQ.

Once one quotation is found acceptable, it is compared to the remaining ones, and the "best" one is chosen for the best value to the government.

The Government may rely on internal documentation including the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System (FAPIIS) Past Performance Information Retrieval System (PPIRS) and contracting officer's knowledge of and previous experience with supply or service being acquired for determining Past Performance, if no record of past performance is found in FAPIIS or PPIRS, the contractor shall not receive a favorable or unfavorable rating, but shall receive a rating of neutral.

Price shall be submitted using the SCHEDULE OF SUPPLIES in Part 4 of the Statement of Work.

Contractor shall provide a letter as an authorized distributor, authorized dealer or authorized reseller for replacements parts on the equipment listed on the RFQ such that the OEM's warranty and service are provided and maintained by the OEM.

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 award if no quotes meet the requirements of this solicitation.