

9.205 Opportunity for qualification before award.

(a) If an agency determines that a *qualification requirement* is necessary, the agency activity responsible for establishing the requirement *must* urge manufacturers and other potential sources to demonstrate their ability to meet the standards specified for qualification and, when possible, give sufficient time to arrange for qualification before award. The responsible agency activity *must*, before establishing any *qualification requirement*, furnish notice through the GPE. The notice *must* include-

(1) Intent to establish a *qualification requirement*;

(2) The specification number and name of the product;

(3) The name and address of the activity to which a request for the information and opportunity described in [9.202\(a\)\(2\)](#) *should* be submitted;

(4) The anticipated date that the agency will begin awarding contracts subject to the *qualification requirement*;

(5) A precautionary notice that when a product is submitted for qualification testing, the applicant *must* furnish any specific information that *may* be requested of the manufacturer before testing will begin; and

(6) The approximate time period following submission of a product for qualification testing within which the applicant will be notified whether the product passed or failed the qualification testing (see [9.202\(a\)\(4\)](#)).

(b) The activity responsible for establishing a *qualification requirement must* keep any list maintained of those already qualified open for inclusion of additional *products*, manufacturers, or other potential sources.

Parent topic: [Subpart 9.2 - Qualifications Requirements](#)