

6.102 Use of competitive procedures.

The competitive procedures available for use in fulfilling the requirement for *full and open competition* are as follows:

(a) *Sealed bids*. (See [6.401\(a\)](#).)

(b) *Competitive proposals*. (See [6.401\(b\)](#).) If sealed bids are not appropriate under paragraph (a) of this section, *contracting officers shall* request competitive proposals or use the other competitive procedures under paragraph (c) or (d) of this section.

(c) *Combination of competitive procedures*. If sealed bids are not appropriate, *contracting officers may* use any combination of competitive procedures (*e.g.*, two-step sealed bidding).

(d) Other competitive procedures.

(1) Selection of sources for architect-engineer contracts in accordance with the provisions of [40 U.S.C. 1102 et seq.](#) is a competitive procedure (see [subpart 36.6](#) for procedures).

(2) Competitive selection of basic and applied research and that part of development not related to the development of a specific system or hardware *procurement* is a competitive procedure if award results from-

(i) A *broad agency announcement* that is general in nature identifying areas of research interest, including criteria for selecting proposals, and soliciting the participation of all *offerors* capable of satisfying the Government's needs; and

(ii) A peer or scientific review.

(3) Use of multiple award schedules issued under the procedures established by the Administrator of General Services consistent with the requirement of [41 U.S.C.152\(3\)\(A\)](#) for the multiple award schedule program of the General Services Administration is a competitive procedure.

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