

## 7.204 Responsibilities of contracting officers.

(a) *Contracting officers* are responsible for transmitting *offeror* responses to the *solicitation* provision at [52.207-4](#) to appropriate inventory management/requirements development activities in accordance with agency procedures. The economic purchase quantity data so obtained are intended to assist inventory managers in establishing and evaluating economic order quantities for *supplies* under their cognizance.

(b) In recognition of the fact that economic purchase quantity data furnished by *offerors* are only one of many data inputs required for determining the most economical order quantities, *contracting officers should* generally take no action to revise quantities to be acquired in connection with the instant *procurement*. However, if a significant price variation is evident from *offeror* responses, and the potential for significant savings is apparent, the *contracting officer shall* consult with the cognizant inventory manager or requirements development activity before proceeding with an award or negotiations. If this consultation discloses that the Government *should* be ordering an item of supply in different quantities and the inventory manager/requirements development activity concurs, the *solicitation* for the item *should* be amended or canceled and a new requisition *should* be obtained.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 7.2 - Planning for the Purchase of Supplies in Economic Quantities](#)