

9.405 Effect of listing.

(a) Contractors debarred, suspended, or proposed for *debarment* are excluded from receiving contracts, and agencies *shall* not solicit *offers* from, award contracts to, or *consent to subcontracts* with these contractors, unless the *agency head* determines that there is a compelling reason for such action (see [9.405-1\(a\)\(2\)](#), [9.405-2](#), [9.406-1\(c\)](#), [9.407-1\(d\)](#), and [23.506\(e\)](#)). Contractors debarred, suspended, or proposed for *debarment* are also excluded from conducting business with the Government as agents or representatives of other contractors.

(b) Contractors and other entities that have an active exclusion record in SAM because they have been declared *ineligible* on the basis of statutory or other regulatory procedures are excluded from receiving contracts, and if applicable, subcontracts, under the conditions and for the period set forth in the statute or regulation. Agencies *shall* not solicit *offers* from, award contracts to, or *consent to subcontracts* with these contractors under those conditions and for that period.

(c) Agencies *shall* not enter into, renew, or extend contracts with contractors that have been declared *ineligible* pursuant to [22 U.S.C. 2593e](#).

(d) Contractors debarred, suspended, or proposed for *debarment* are excluded from acting as individual *sureties* (see [part 28](#)).

(e)

(1) After the opening of bids or receipt of proposals or quotes, the *contracting officer shall* review the exclusion records in SAM.

(2) Bids received from any listed contractor in response to an invitation for bids *shall* be entered on the abstract of bids, and rejected unless the *agency head* determines *in writing* that there is a compelling reason to consider the bid.

(3) Proposals, quotations, or *offers* received from any listed contractor *shall* not be evaluated for award or included in the competitive range, nor *shall* discussions be conducted with a listed *offeror* during a period of ineligibility, unless the *agency head* determines, *in writing*, that there is a compelling reason to do so. If the period of ineligibility expires or is terminated prior to award, the *contracting officer may*, but is not required to, consider such proposals, quotations, or *offers*.

(4) Immediately prior to award, the *contracting officer shall* again review the exclusion records in SAM to ensure that no award is made to a listed contractor.

- [9.405-1 Continuation of current contracts.](#)
- [9.405-2 Restrictions on subcontracting.](#)

Parent topic: [Subpart 9.4 - Debarment, Suspension, and Ineligibility](#)