

14.406 Receipt of an unreadable electronic bid.

If a bid received at the Government facility by *electronic data interchange* is unreadable to the degree that conformance to the essential requirements of the invitation for bids cannot be ascertained, the *contracting officer* immediately *shall* notify the bidder that the bid will be rejected unless the bidder provides clear and convincing evidence-

(a) Of the content of the bid as originally submitted; and

(b) That the unreadable condition of the bid was caused by Government software or hardware error, malfunction, or other Government mishandling.

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