15.303 Responsibilities.

(a) Agency heads are responsible for source selection. The contracting officer is designated as the source selection authority, unless the agency head appoints another individual for a particular acquisition or group of acquisitions.

(b) The source selection authority shall-

1. Establish an evaluation team, tailored for the particular acquisition, that includes appropriate contracting, legal, logistics, technical, and other expertise to ensure a comprehensive evaluation of offers;

2. Approve the source selection strategy or acquisition plan, if applicable, before solicitation release;

3. Ensure consistency among the solicitation requirements, notices to offerors, proposal preparation instructions, evaluation factors and subfactors, solicitation provisions or contract clauses, and data requirements;

4. Ensure that proposals are evaluated based solely on the factors and subfactors contained in the solicitation (10 U.S.C.2305(b)(4)(C) and 41 U.S.C.3703(c));

5. Consider the recommendations of advisory boards or panels (if any); and

6. Select the source or sources whose proposal is the best value to the Government (10 U.S.C.2305(b)(4)(C) and 41 U.S.C.3703(c)).

(c) The contracting officer shall-

1. After release of a solicitation, serve as the focal point for inquiries from actual or prospective offerors;

2. After receipt of proposals, control exchanges with offerors in accordance with 15.306; and

3. Award the contract(s).

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