

## 15.308 Source selection decision.

The source selection authority's (SSA) decision *shall* be based on a comparative assessment of proposals against all source selection criteria in the *solicitation*. While the SSA *may* use reports and analyses prepared by others, the source selection decision *shall* represent the SSA's independent judgment. The source selection decision *shall* be documented, and the documentation *shall* include the rationale for any business judgments and tradeoffs made or relied on by the SSA, including benefits associated with additional costs. Although the rationale for the selection decision *must* be documented, that documentation need not quantify the tradeoffs that led to the decision.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 15.3 - Source Selection](#)