

36.602-4 Selection authority.

(a) The final selection decision *shall* be made by the *agency head* or a designated selection authority.

(b) The selection authority *shall* review the recommendations of the evaluation board and *shall*, with the advice of appropriate technical and staff representatives, make the final selection. This final selection *shall* be a listing, in order of preference, of the firms considered most highly qualified to perform the work. If the firm listed as the most preferred is not the firm recommended as the most highly qualified by the evaluation board, the selection authority *shall* provide for the contract file a written explanation of the reason for the preference. All firms on the final selection list are considered "selected firms" with which the *contracting officer may* negotiate in accordance with [36.606](#).

(c) The selection authority *shall* not add firms to the selection report. If the firms recommended in the report are not deemed to be qualified or the report is considered inadequate for any reason, the selection authority *shall* record the reasons and return the report through channels to the evaluation board for appropriate revision.

(d) The board *shall* be promptly informed of the final selection.

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