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405.303 Announcement of contract awards.

Contracting officers shall make information available on any contract award with an estimated total value over $1 million (including options) to their agency congressional liaison office in sufficient time for the agency to announce it by 5:00 p.m. Washington, DC time on the day of award. The agency congressional liaison office shall, concurrent with the public announcement, provide the award announcement information to the USDA Congressional Relations Office.

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405.403 Requests from Members of Congress.

The head of the contracting activity (HCA) is the agency head designee pursuant to FAR 5.403.

405.404 Release of long-range acquisition estimates.

405.404-1 Release procedures.

(a) HCA’s shall establish written procedures to control the release of long-range acquisition estimates, as authorized under FAR 5.404-1.
(b) Classified information shall not be released without the approval of the Information Security Staff, Personnel and Document Security Division, Office of Procurement and Property Management. Departmental Manuals and Regulations (3400 series) contain guidance on classified information.

Subpart 405.5 - Paid Advertisements

405.502 Authority.

(a) The authority vested in the agency head to authorize publication of paid advertisements in newspapers (44 U.S.C. 3702) is delegated, with power of redelegation, to HCA's. HCA redelegation of this authority shall be in writing.

(b) Policies and procedures regarding prior authorization required for media other than newspapers are contained in USDA Departmental Regulations 1400 series.