

Subpart 509.1 - Responsible Prospective Contractors

Parent topic: [Part 509 - Contractor Qualifications](#)

509.105 Procedures.

509.105-1 Obtaining information.

FAR [9.105-1](#) lists a number of sources of information that a contracting officer may utilize before making a determination of responsibility. The contracting officer may request information directly from a prospective contractor using [GSA Form 527](#), Contractor's Qualifications and Financial Information, but only after exhausting other available sources of information.

509.105-2 Determinations and documentation.

(a) The contracting officer shall provide written notification to a prospective contractor determined not responsible. Include the basis for the determination. Notification provides the prospective contractor with the opportunity to correct any problem for future solicitations.

(b) Due to the potential for de facto debarment, the contracting officer shall avoid making repeated determinations of nonresponsibility based on the same past performance information.

(c) To provide for timely consideration of the need to institute action to debar a contractor, the contracting officer shall submit a copy of each nonresponsibility determination, other than those based on capacity or financial capability, to the Suspension and Debarment Official in the Office of Acquisition Policy.