5.404-1 Release procedures.

(a) *Application*. The *agency head*, or a designee, *may* release long-range *acquisition* estimates if the information will-

(1) Assist industry in its planning and facilitate meeting the *acquisition* requirements;

(2) Not encourage undesirable practices (*e.g.,* attempts to corner the market or hoard industrial materials); and

(3) Not indicate the existing or potential mobilization of the industry as a whole.

(b) *Conditions*. The *agency head shall* ensure that-

(1) *Classified information* is released through existing security channels in accordance with agency security regulations;

(2) The information is publicized as widely as practicable to all parties simultaneously by any of the means described in this part;

(3) Each release states that-

(i) The estimate is based on the best information available;

(ii) The information is subject to modification and is in no way binding on the Government; and

(iii) More specific information relating to any individual item or class of items will not be furnished until the proposed action is synopsized through the GPE or the *solicitation* is issued;

(4) Each release contains the name and address of the *contracting officer* that will process the *acquisition*;

(5) Modifications to the original release are publicized as soon as possible, in the same manner as the original; and

(6) Each release-

(i) Is coordinated in advance with small business, public information, and public relations personnel, as appropriate;

(ii) Contains, if applicable, a statement that small business set-asides *may* be involved, but that a determination can be made only when *acquisition* action is initiated; and

(iii) Contains the name or description of the item, and the estimated quantity to be acquired by calendar quarter, fiscal year, or other period. It *may* also contain such additional information as the number of units last acquired, the unit price, and the name of the last supplier.

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