6.304 Approval of the justification.

(a) Except for paragraph (b) of this section, the justification for other than *full and open competition shall* be approved *in writing*—

(1) For a proposed contract not exceeding $900,000, the *contracting officer*'s certification required by 6.303-2(b)(12) will serve as approval unless a higher approving level is established in agency procedures.

(2) For a proposed contract over $900,000 but not exceeding $20 million, by the advocate for competition for the *procuring activity* designated pursuant to 6.501 or an official described in paragraph (a)(3) or (4) of this section. This authority is not delegable.

(3) For a proposed contract over $20 million, but not exceeding $90 million, or, for DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard, not exceeding $150 million, by the head of the *procuring activity*, or a designee who—

(i) If a member of the armed forces, is a general or flag officer; or

(ii) If a civilian, is serving in a position in a grade above GS-15 under the General Schedule (or in a comparable or higher position under another schedule).

(4) For a proposed contract over $90 million or, for DoD, NASA, and the Coast Guard, over $150 million, by the *senior procurement executive* of the agency designated pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 1702(c) in accordance with agency procedures. This authority is not delegable except in the case of the Under Secretary of Defense for *Acquisition* and Sustainment, acting as the *senior procurement executive* for the Department of Defense.

(b) Any justification for a contract awarded under the authority of 6.302-7, regardless of dollar amount, *shall* be considered approved when the determination required by 6.302-7(c)(1) is made.

(c) A class justification for other than *full and open competition shall* be approved *in writing* in accordance with agency procedures. The approval level *shall* be determined by the estimated total value of the class.

(d) The estimated dollar value of all *options shall* be included in determining the approval level of a justification.

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