6.502 Duties and responsibilities.

(a) Agency and *procuring activity* advocates for competition are responsible for—

(1)Promoting the *acquisition* of *commercial products* and *commercial services*;

(2)Promoting *full and open competition*;

(3)Challenging requirements that are not stated in terms of functions to be performed, performance required, or essential physical characteristics;

(4)Challenging barriers to the *acquisition* of *commercial products* and *commercial services*; and

(5)Challenging barriers to *full and open competition* such as unnecessarily restrictive statements of work, unnecessarily detailed specifications, and unnecessarily burdensome *contract clauses*.

(b) Agency advocates for competition *shall*—

(1) Review the *contracting* operations of the agency and identify and report to the agency *senior procurement executive* and the *chief acquisition officer*–

(i) Opportunities and actions taken to acquire *commercial products* and *commercial services* to meet the needs of the agency;

(ii) Opportunities and actions taken to achieve *full and open competition* in the *contracting* operations of the agency;

(iii) Actions taken to challenge requirements that are not stated in terms of functions to be performed, performance required or essential physical characteristics;

(iv) Any condition or action that has the effect of unnecessarily restricting the *acquisition* of *commercial products* or *commercial services* or unnecessarily restricting competition in the contract actions of the agency;

(2) Prepare and submit an annual report to the agency *senior procurement executive* and the *chief acquisition officer* in accordance with agency procedures, describing–

(i) Such advocate’s activities under this subpart;

(ii) New initiatives required to increase the *acquisition* of *commercial products* and *commercial services*;

(iii) New initiatives required to increase competition;

(iv) New initiatives to ensure requirements are stated in terms of functions to be performed, performance required or essential physical characteristics;

(v) Any barriers to the *acquisition* of *commercial products*, *commercial services*, or competition that remain;

(vi) Other ways in which the agency has emphasized the *acquisition* of *commercial products*, *commercial services*, and competition in areas such as *acquisition* training and research; and

(vii) Initiatives that ensure task and *delivery orders* over $1.5 million issued under multiple award contracts are properly planned, issued, and comply with 8.405 and 16.505.

(3) Recommend goals and plans for increasing competition on a fiscal year basis to the agency *senior procurement executive* and the *chief acquisition officer*; and

(4) Recommend to the agency *senior procurement executive* and the *chief acquisition officer* a system of personal and organizational accountability for competition, which *may* include the use of recognition and awards to motivate program managers, *contracting officers*, and others in authority to promote competition in *acquisition*.

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