9.106-1 Conditions for preaward surveys.

(a) A *preaward survey* is normally required only when the information on hand or readily available to the *contracting officer*, including information from commercial sources, is not sufficient to make a determination regarding responsibility. In addition, if the contemplated contract will have a fixed price at or below the *simplified acquisition threshold* or will involve the *acquisition* of *commercial products* or *commercial services* (see part 12), the *contracting officer should* not request a *preaward survey* unless circumstances justify its cost.

(b) When a cognizant *contract administration office* becomes aware of a prospective award to a contractor about which unfavorable information exists and no *preaward survey* has been requested, it *shall* promptly obtain and transmit details to the *contracting officer*.

(c) Before beginning a *preaward survey*, the *surveying activity shall* ascertain whether the prospective contractor is debarred, suspended, or *ineligible* (see subpart 9.4). If the prospective contractor is debarred, suspended, or *ineligible*, the *surveying activity shall* advise the *contracting officer* promptly and not proceed with the *preaward survey* unless specifically requested to do so by the *contracting officer*.

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