14.408-2 Responsible bidder-reasonableness of price.

(a) The *contracting officer shall* determine that a prospective contractor is responsible (see subpart 9.1) and that the prices offered are reasonable before awarding the contract. The price analysis techniques in 15.404-1(b) *may* be used as guidelines. In each case the determination *shall* be made in the light of all prevailing circumstances. Particular care *must* be taken in cases where only a single bid is received.

(b) The price analysis *shall* consider whether bids are materially unbalanced (see 15.404-1(g)).

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