G-3 Process

Online RAs are conducted using a variety of procedures and automated tools. An agency may contract with an online auction service to conduct the reverse auction, or it may conduct the reverse auction itself using commercially available software.

In either case, the reverse auction must be conducted on a secure website, and you must clearly state in the RFP the ground rules for the auction, particularly when the bidding will start and stop.

Effective 29 August 2024, updated FAR language, as cited at FAR 17.802(c)(4) and FAR 17.802(d)(5)(iii) and in turn revised contract clause FAR 52.217-12 provides new guidance and awareness to offerors and reverse auction service providers regarding Government’s access, use and disclosure requirements as well as the disposition instructions which contracting officers shall provide in solicitations and resulting awards.

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