

Appendix A – GSAR Text, Line-In/Line-Out

GSAM Baseline: Change 93 effective 10/02/2018

- Additions to baseline made by rule are indicated by [bold text in brackets]
- Deletions to baseline made by rule are indicated by ~~strikethroughs~~
- Five asterisks (*****) indicate that there are no revisions between the preceding and following sections
- Three asterisks (***) indicate that there are no revisions between the material shown within a subsection

Part 509— Contractor Qualifications

Subpart 509.1— Responsible Prospective Contractors

509.105 Procedures.

509.105-1 Obtaining information.

(a) From a prospective contractor. FAR 9.105-1 lists a number of sources of information that a contracting officer may utilize before making a determination of responsibility. The contracting officer may request information directly from a prospective contractor using GSA Form 527, Contractor's Qualifications and Financial Information, but only after exhausting other available sources of information.

~~(b) From Government personnel. The contracting officer may solicit and consider information from any appropriate activities, e.g., legal counsel, quality control, contract management, credit and finance, and auditors before determining that an offeror is responsible.~~



GSA ORDER

Subject: General Services Administration Acquisition Manual; GSAM Part 509, Contractor Qualifications, GSAR Case 2017-G503, Removing Duplicative Responsibility Determination Guidance

1. Purpose. This order transmits a revision to the General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation (GSAR) System.
2. Background. The General Services Administration (GSA) is amending the GSAR coverage on Responsible Prospective Contractors, to remove duplicative language that is addressed in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR).
3. Effective date. Date of Signature.
4. Explanation of changes. This amendment includes regulatory changes. Due to the nature of the change, the removal of the duplicative language does not have an economic impact. For full text changes of the amendment see Appendix A, GSAR Text Line-In/Line-Out.

This amendment deletes the language of GSAR 509.105-1(b) for the reasons detailed below:

- GSAR 509.105-1(b) paraphrases the language from FAR 9.105-1(b) as it restates that a contracting officer should obtain information regarding a contractor's responsibility through "any appropriate activities" which is implied through the language at FAR 9.105-1(b).
- Both GSAR 509.105-1(b) and FAR 9.105-1(b) pertain to how contracting officers obtain information regarding a contractor's responsibility determination.
- GSAR 509.105-1(b) violates FAR 1.304(b) by unnecessarily paraphrasing FAR 9.105-1(b).

5. Cancellations and Rescissions. None



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