

Department of Defense

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(a) List additional factors in item H, section III of the SF 1403 and explain them in block 23. For example—

(i) Information needed to determine a prospective contractor's eligibility under the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act. (Note that the Walsh-Healey Public Contracts Act, block 12 of section I, only indicates what the contractor has represented its classification to be under Walsh-Healey.)

(ii) Evaluation of a contractor as a planned producer when the offered item is or may appear on the Industrial Preparedness Planning List (IPPL). When the preaward survey results in a recommendation for award, ask the office responsible for industrial preparedness planning to consider designating the prospective contractor as a planned producer. If the item is already on the IPPL or the prospective contractor is already a planned producer, note the information in block 23.

(iii) Evaluation of the prospective contractor's performance against small business subcontracting plans.

(c) On base level preaward surveys, technical personnel from the requiring installation should participate when there is concern about the ability of a prospective contractor to perform a base level service or construction contract.

(d) Allow more time for—

(i) Complex items;

(ii) New or inexperienced DoD contractors; and

(iii) Surveys with time-consuming requirements, e.g., secondary survey, accounting system review, financial capability analysis, or purchasing office participation.

(e) Only request those factors essential to the determination of responsibility. See 253.209-1(a) for an explanation of the factors in section III, blocks 19 and 20 of the SF 1403.

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Subpart 209.2—Qualifications Requirements

209.202 Policy.

(a)(1) The inclusion of qualification requirements in specifications for products that are to be included on a Quali-

fied Products List, or manufactured by business firms included on a Qualified Manufacturers List, requires approval by the departmental standardization office in accordance with DoD 4120.24-M, Defense Standardization Program (DSP) Policies and Procedures. The inclusion of other qualification requirements in an acquisition or group of acquisitions requires approval by the chief of the contracting office.

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Subpart 209.3—First Article Testing and Approval

209.303 Use.

(d) The contracting officer may require that first articles be manufactured using the same facilities, production processes, methods, and materials to be used for production units under the contract.

209.305 Risk.

The contracting officer may give this authorization to a contractor only after approval by a level higher than the contracting officer.

209.306 Solicitation requirements.

(a)(1) To be sure that the contractor and the Government clearly understand and interpret contract terms and conditions in the same manner, avoid describing first article requirements exclusively in general terms such as “visual,” “dimensional,” “workmanship,” or “specification compliance.”

209.308 Contract clauses.

Alternate I of the clauses at FAR 52.209-3, First Article Approval—Contractor Testing, or 52.209-4, First Article Approval—Government Testing, as appropriate, may be used when—

(1) The form, fit, or function of the product would be adversely affected by contractor changes in the production facilities, processes, methods, or materials subsequent to first article approval; and

(2) The Government has relied upon first article testing in the absence of complete design specifications to supplement a performance specification; or