

### **3.2.2.3-4 Samples (July 2004)**

(a) "Samples" are item sample submissions required of offerors to show those characteristics of the offered products that cannot adequately be described by specifications or purchase descriptions (e.g., balance, facility of use, or pattern).

(b) You must provide samples required elsewhere in this SIR as part of your offer by the time specified for receiving offers. The TSA may reject offers that do not provide samples on time. (See provision 3.2.2.3-14 – "Late Submissions, Modifications, and Withdrawals of Offers.")

( c ) The Contracting Officer (CO) will evaluate samples to determine if they comply with all the characteristics listed in this SIR. The CO may reject offers if they do not provide samples meeting the requirements.

(d) Unless otherwise specified in the RFI/RFP, samples shall be

(1) submitted at no expense to the Government, and

(2) returned at the offeror's request and expense, unless they are destroyed during pre-award testing.

(e) The CO may waive the requirement to provide samples; if

(1) You provided the same product to us \_\_\_\_\_[the CO should designate the TSA contracting office or an alternate activity or office that previously received this product] on a previous acquisition,

(2) The CO determines that your product was accepted or tested and found to be technically acceptable, conforming in every material respect with those of this SIR, and

(3) You will produce the product offered under this SIR at the same plant where you produced the previously acquired or tested the product.

(End of Provision)

### **Prescription**

The CO must use this provision in RFIs/RFPs that require product samples to show the characteristics of an offered product.

**Note: The CO must insert data in this provision**