

APD ALERT

New Justification for Other Than Full and Open Competition (JOFOC) and Limited Source Justification Formats



APD Policy Number FAR 6-04, which will be issued in the near future, not only raises the dollar level approval thresholds for JOFOCs under FAR 6.304 and FAR 13.501, it also provides a revised JOFOC format and introduces a Limited Source Justification format for use with certain Federal Supply Schedule acquisitions under FAR 8.405-6.

Please ensure that you provide strong grounds on your JOFOCs and Limited Source Justifications as they will be reviewed and questioned in the future by levels above the Competition Advocate. The new emphasis is due to Government Accountability Office and Inspector General findings that the government frequently misses opportunities to take full advantage of competition, particularly with respect to task and delivery orders under indefinite-delivery vehicles.

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