

contracting activity as the competition advocate for each activity. The competition advocate for M/OP is the Deputy Director for Operations. If there is no deputy, the head of the contracting activity is designated the competition advocate for that activity. The competition advocate's duties may not be redelegated, but can be exercised by persons serving as acting deputy (or acting head) of the contracting activity. For definitions of contracting activity and head of contracting activity, see 702.170-3 and 702.170-10, respectively.

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## PART 707—ACQUISITION PLANNING

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### Subpart 709.4—Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility

#### 709.403 Definitions.

*Debarring official* in USAID is the M/OP Director.

*Suspending official* in USAID is the M/OP Director.

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## Subpart 709.5—Organizational Conflicts of Interest

### 709.503 Waiver.

For purposes of approving waivers or further delegating the authority to approve waivers pursuant to FAR 9.503, the M/OP Director is the Agency head (see AIDAR 701.601(a)(1)). The M/OP Director hereby delegates the authority to approve waivers pursuant to FAR 9.503 to the heads of USAID contracting activities, as defined in AIDAR 702.170-10.

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### 709.507-2 Contract clause.

(a)-(b) [Reserved]

(c) In order to avoid problems from organizational conflicts of interest that may be discovered after award of a contract, the clause found at 752.209-71 shall be inserted in all contracts whenever the solicitation or resulting contract or both include a provision in accordance with (48 CFR) FAR 9.507-1, or a clause in accordance with (48 CFR) FAR 9.507-2, establishing a restraint on the contractor's eligibility for future contracts.

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## PART 711—DESCRIBING AGENCY NEEDS

Sec.

711.002-70 Metric system waivers.

711.002-71 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

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### 711.002-70 Metric system waivers.

(a) *Criteria.* The FAR 11.002(b) requirement to use the metric system of measurement for specifications and quantitative data that are incorporated in or required by USAID contracts may be waived when USAID determines in writing that such usage is impractical or is likely to cause U.S. firms to experience significant inefficiencies or the loss of markets.

(b) *Authorization.* (1) The USAID Metric Executive (as designated in ADS