

## Department of Veterans Affairs

871.201-1

### 871.104 Qualification of bidders.

(a) Qualification of bidders shall be established in accordance with procedures outlined in FAR Subpart 9.1 and subpart 809.1 of this chapter.

(b) Management brokers are not considered acceptable bidders for repair contracts due to their close association on a fee basis with the Department of Veterans Affairs. This restriction would apply equally to any contracting firm in which the management broker has an interest and in which it could be presumed that such firm would have an advantage over the other bidders. This does not preclude the performance of work by management brokers of a routine recurring maintenance category or minor repairs by personnel employed directly on the payroll of the broker. In these cases, it must be established that any charges for such services are not in excess of the prevailing fees for like services in the area.

### 871.106 Lien waivers.

(a) Contracts in the amount of \$2,500 or more will contain a requirement that the contractor will sign a formal release in full or a lien waiver before payment may be made. The release or waiver will accompany the contractor's invoice.

(b) Contractors will be required to notify the Director, Regional Office, of any subcontractors for services or materials in excess of \$2,500. Such subcontractors will be required to sign the release or waiver jointly with the prime contractor or to execute release or waiver in the subcontractor's own name.

(c) Prior to any authorized partial payment the contractor will be required to execute a release or waiver.

(d) Due to the variations of local law, no standard release or waiver is prescribed. Each release or waiver will be prepared in accordance with local law and will be in form acceptable by the District Counsel.

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### 871.107 Stipulations against liens.

(a) Where determined necessary by the Director, Regional Office, contracts

in an amount less than \$2,500 may contain the following:

The contractor expressly waives any and all rights to file or maintain any mechanics lien or claim against the aforesaid premises.

(b) Contracts in the amount of \$2,500 or more where there is doubt as to the final responsibility of the contractor will provide maximum protection to the Government by including such requirements as are available under local law. Advice and approval of any contract stipulation or legal stipulations against liens will be obtained from the District Counsel.

## Subpart 871.2—Vocational Rehabilitation and Counseling Program

### 871.200 Scope of subpart.

This subpart establishes policy and procedures for the vocational rehabilitation and counseling program as it pertains to contracts for training and rehabilitation services, approval of institutions (including rehabilitation facilities), training establishments, and employers under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 31, and contracts for counseling services under 38 U.S.C. Chapters 30, 31, 32, 35, and 36 and 10 U.S.C. Chapters 106, 107, and 1606.

(Authority: 10 U.S.C. ch. 106, 107, 1606; 38 U.S.C. 501, ch. 30, 31, 32, 35, 36; 40 U.S.C. 486(c))

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### 871.201 General.

#### 871.201-1 Requirements for the use of contracts.

Contracts will be negotiated for tuition, fees, books, supplies and other allowable expenses incurred by the institution, training establishment or employer for the training and rehabilitation of eligible veterans under Chapter 31, Title 38, United States Code, under the following conditions:

(a) With institutions offering courses of instruction by correspondence. Courses of instruction by correspondence is deemed to mean a course of education or training conducted by mail consisting of regular lessons or reading assignments, the preparation