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contracting activity compliance with the advocacy program;

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806.570 Planning requirements.

Competition Plan. Each Contracting Activity Competition Advocate shall develop a Competition Plan and incorporate the Plan in the internal operating procedures of the facility or organization in which the contracting activity is located. It is essential that the plan be endorsed and supported by top level management and be clearly understood by the services and offices that the contracting activity support. As a minimum, the plan shall include:

- (a) The approval requirements for other than full and open competition specified in FAR 6.304;
- (b) A description of the synopsis requirements contained in FAR Subpart 5.2 in order that the necessity for Advance Procurement Planning is fully understood;
- (c) A description of how the Competition Plan should be integrated into Advance Procurement Planning;
- (d) Identification of any known obstacles to competition and a proposal for overcoming them;
- (e) A method for otherwise increasing competition for contracts on the basis of cost and other significant factors.

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Subpart 807.3—Contractor Versus Government Performance

807.300 Scope of subpart.

This subpart prescribes basic procedures and principles to be followed in performing the contracting aspect of the OMB Circular A-76 cost comparison process.

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807.304-73 Bid opening/receipt of proposals.

The date established for bid opening or receipt of proposals will normally be 90 days after sending the request for publication to the Commerce Business Daily (CBD) (65 days after issuing the solicitation).

807.304-75 Bid acceptance.

Bid acceptance shall be 90 days from bid opening/receipt of proposals in order to accommodate the time necessary to evaluate bids/offers, finalize the cost comparison and process any appeals. Contracting officers will insert "90 days" in FAR clause 52.214-15.

807.304-76 Contract effective date.

(a) A transition from in-house performance to contract requires a period of time from contract award to beginning of contract performance (contract effective date). This time is necessary to allow for personnel adjustments, e.g., right of first refusal process, and to allow a reasonable period for the contractor to make necessary resource reallocations. The contract effective date should be carefully considered in conjunction with the A-76 Task Group and must be specified in the solicitation.

(b) Although outplacement planning to minimize the effect of any necessary reduction in force should be initiated in advance of bid opening/receipt of proposals as prescribed by Office of Personnel and Labor Relations, there are also employee and labor organization reduction-in-force notice requirements which must be satisfied.

(c) When bargaining unit employees will be affected, facility officials also

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should review and comply with any employee or labor organization notice requirements in applicable negotiated agreements.

807.304-77 Right of first refusal.

(a) In addition to the Right of First Refusal clause specified in FAR 52.207-3, the contracting officer will include the clause "Report of Employment Under Commercial Activities" in 852.207-70. This clause is primarily intended to verify that the contractor is meeting its obligation to provide adversely affected Federal workers the first opportunity for employment openings, for which they qualify, created by the contract.

(b) The Report of Employment Under Commercial Activities clause is also prescribed to avoid inappropriate severance payment. In order to implement the clause, the contracting officer (or Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR)) must first obtain a list from the servicing personnel office of Federal employees, including their Social Security numbers, who will be adversely affected as a result of the anticipated contract. The list should be requested as soon as a preliminary determination is made to contract out a function subject to A-76. (Contracting officers may designate a COTR to coordinate the information and reporting requirements.)

PART 808—REQUIRED SOURCES OF SUPPLIES AND SERVICES

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808.001 Priorities for use of Government supply sources.

(a) Procurement will be effected from the following sources in the descending order of priority as indicated herein:

(1) VA excess.

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(2) Other government agencies excess.

(3) Federal Prison Industries.

(4) Procurement list of products available from the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

(5) GSA stock and other Government agency inventory.

(6) VA decentralized contracts.

(7) Mandatory Federal Supply Schedule contracts.

(8) Optional use Federal Supply Schedule contracts.

(9) Commercial concerns, educational, or nonprofit institutions, as applicable.

(b) *Public exigency.* A source lower in priority may be utilized in a public exigency as defined in FAR 6.302-2 and in Federal Property Management Regulation 41 CFR 101-25.101-5. Justification for each deviation must be included in the procurement file.

(c) *Eligible Beneficiaries.* When it is determined that a therapeutic benefit to eligible beneficiaries will result from personal selection of shoes, clothing and incidentals, acquisition from the Veterans Canteen Service or commercial sources is authorized. When dress shoes similar to Federal Prison Industries, Inc., Style No. 86-A are purchased from commercial sources, FPI clearance No. 1206 will be cited on the purchase document.

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Subpart 808.4—Ordering From Federal Supply Schedules

808.401 General.

The Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer, VA National Acquisition Center, advertises, negotiates, awards the contracts, and is responsible for contract administration for FSS (Federal Supply Schedule) Groups 65 and 89. The Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer issues the Federal Supply Schedules containing the