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(b) A justification prepared by the contracting officer in accordance with FAR 6.303.

[51 FR 23066, June 25, 1986, as amended at 61 FR 20492, May 7, 1996]

806.304 Approval of the justification.

(a) Approvals of justifications as specified in FAR 6.304, prepared in accordance with FAR 6.303, will be approved as follows:

(1) For a proposed contract not exceeding \$100,000, one contracting level above the contracting officer (see Subpart 801.6). However, if the contracting officer is also the head of the contracting activity approval will be made by:

(i) The medical center director for acquisitions at Veterans Health Administration (VHA) medical facilities, or

(ii) The Agency Competition Advocate (806.501(a)) in all other cases.

(2) For a proposed contract over \$100,000 but not exceeding \$1,000,000, by the Contracting Activity Competition Advocate (806.501(b)). However, if the Contracting Activity Competition Advocate is also the contracting officer, approval will be made by:

(i) The medical center director for acquisitions at VHA medical facilities, or

(ii) The Agency Competition Advocate in all other cases.

(3) For a proposed contract over \$1,000,000 but not exceeding \$10,000,000 by the Agency Competition Advocate (806.501(a)).

(4) For a proposed contract over \$10,000,000 by the Senior Procurement Executive (See 802.100).

(b) Class justifications as specified in FAR 6.304(c), will be approved by the Agency Competition Advocate regardless of dollar amount.

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Subpart 806.4—Sealed Bidding and Competitive Proposals

806.401 Sealed bidding and competitive proposals.

Contracting officers shall solicit sealed bids if the contract is expected to exceed the small purchase limitation or expected to exceed \$1,000 for contracts made for repairs to property acquired by VA under 38 U.S.C. Chapter 37 and the criteria in FAR 6.401(a) are met. The contract file shall include any findings by the contracting officer that sealed bidding is not appropriate.

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Subpart 806.5—Competition Advocates

806.501 Requirement.

(a) The Associated Deputy Assistant Secretary for Acquisitions (90A) is designated as the Agency Competition Advocate.

(b) The Executive Director and Chief Operating Officers, VA National Acquisition Center, or designee, will serve as the Competition Advocate for the Center. Each head of the contracting activity (see Subpart 802.1) or designee will serve as the Contracting Activity Competition Advocate in all other cases.

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806.502 Duties and responsibilities.

In addition to the responsibilities identified in FAR 6.502(a), the Agency Competition Advocate will coordinate the competition advocacy program as it is implemented at all VA contracting activities. The Agency Competition Advocate will:

(a) Establish program guidelines to be used by contracting activity competition advocates;

(b) Assist contracting activity competition advocates with obstacles to promoting competition;

(c) Utilize supply technical surveys, other facility reports, and the Federal Procurement Data System to monitor