

Did you know . . . June 4, 2012

1...that whenever agencies are required to publicize notice of proposed contract actions under FAR 5.201, KOs must provide access to presolicitation notices through the GPE? The notice must be published at least 15 days before issuance of a solicitation. Note there are exceptions for acquisitions of commercial items. See FAR 5.203 and 5.204.

2...that when transmitting notices using electronic commerce (ASFI), KOs must ensure the notice is forwarded to the GPE (FedBizOpps (FBO))? See FAR 5.201(b)(2) and AFARS 5104.502.

3...that if you upload a solicitation in ASFI, without having posted a presolicitation notice (see DYK #1 above) before, ASFI will not transmit the solicitation to the GPE (FBO)? Note that ASFI has a radio button for Frequently Asked Questions that gives you access to User Guides on a variety of actions. The Guides are very detailed.

4...that the KO needs to include the synopsis of proposed acquisitions as required by FAR Part 5 or a reference to the synopsis in the contract file? See FAR 4.803. Note that a print out from ASFI may not necessarily show evidence of the synopsis to FBO. However, once you complete the action in ASFI, you will see a system-generated message that will confirm whether the transmissions (ASFI and FBO) were successful. A screen shot of such a message may constitute better evidence of the synopsis. (Thank you Stephanie! :))

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