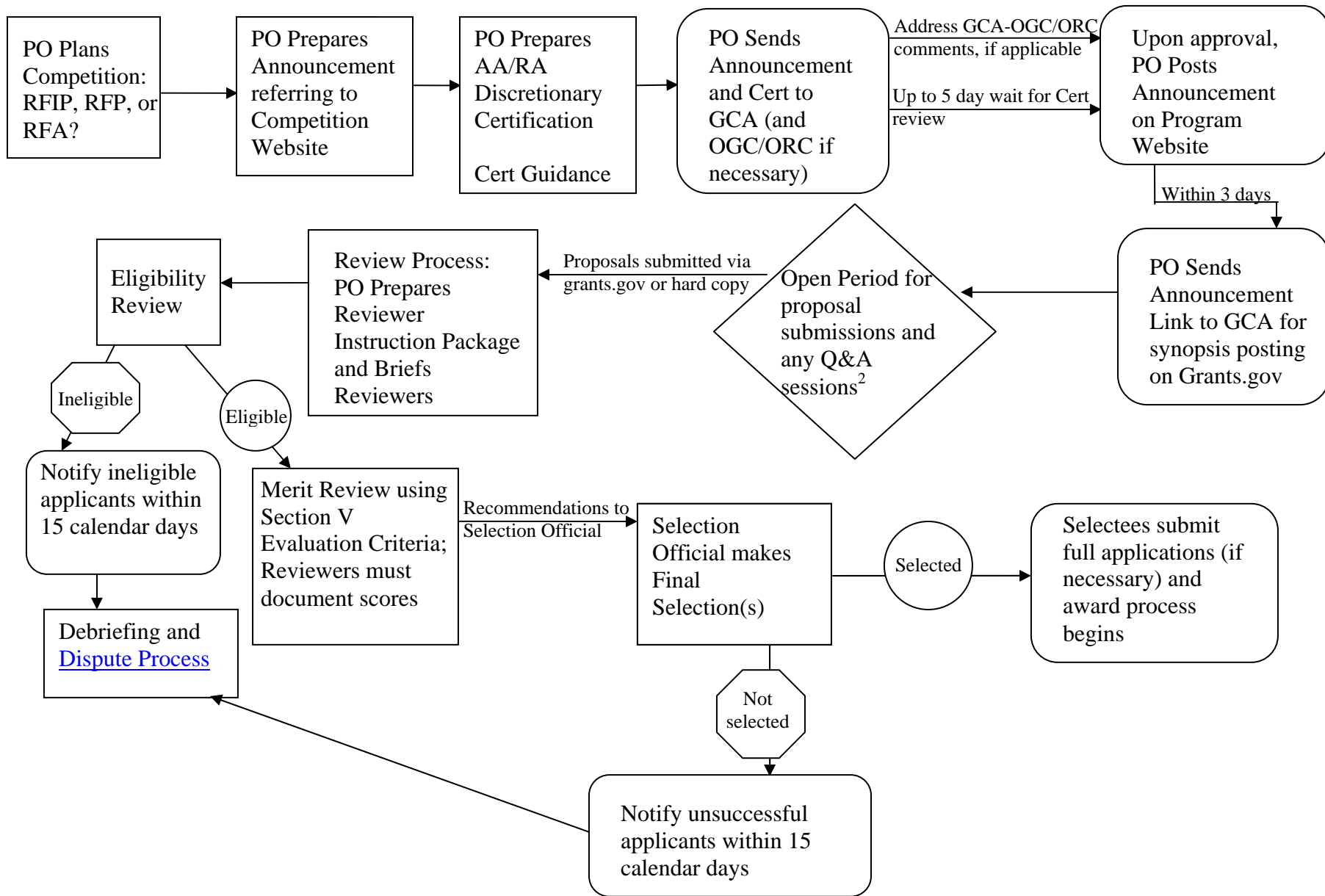


Competition Process Flow Chart¹



¹ This flowchart applies to a typical open competition. Simplified competitions, while generally following the same process, have different posting requirements (e.g. 30 day open period and not posted on Grants.gov).

² Generally, announcements for open competitions must be open for 45 days.