

19.804-1 Agency evaluation.

In determining the extent to which a requirement *should* be offered in support of the 8(a) program, the agency *should* evaluate-

(a) Current and future plans to acquire the specific items or work that 8(a) participants are seeking to provide, identified in terms of-

(1) Estimated quantities of the *supplies* or services required or the estimated number of *construction* projects planned;

(2) Length of contract, including *option* periods (see [19.812\(d\)](#)); and

(3) Performance or delivery requirements, including-

(i) Required monthly production rates, when applicable; and

(ii) For *construction*, the geographical location where work is to be performed;

(b) The impact of any delay in delivery;

(c) Whether the items or work have previously been acquired using small business set-asides, and the date the items or work were acquired;

(d) Problems encountered in previous *acquisitions* of the items or work from the 8(a) participants or other contractors; and

(e) Any other pertinent information about known 8(a) participants, the items, or the work. This includes any information concerning the participants' *products* or capabilities. When necessary, the *contracting* agency *shall* make an independent review of the factors in [19.803\(a\)](#) and other aspects of the participants' capabilities which would ensure the satisfactory performance of the requirement being considered for commitment to the 8(a) program.

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