

36.103 Methods of contracting.

(a) The *contracting officer shall* use sealed bid procedures for a *construction contract* if the conditions in [6.401\(a\)](#) apply, unless the *contract* will be performed outside the *United States* and its *outlying areas*. (See [6.401\(b\)\(2\)](#).)

(b) *Contracting officers shall* acquire *architect-engineer services* by negotiation, and select sources in accordance with applicable law, [subpart 36.6](#), and agency regulations.

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