

## 36.213-3 Invitations for bids.

(a) Invitations for bids for *construction shall* allow sufficient time for bid preparation (*i.e.*, the period of time between the date invitations are distributed and the date set for opening of bids) (but see [5.203](#) and [14.202-1](#)) to allow bidders an adequate opportunity to prepare and submit their bids, giving due regard to the *construction* season and the time necessary for bidders to inspect the site, obtain subcontract bids, examine data concerning the work, and prepare estimates based on plans and specifications.

(b) invitations for bids *shall* be prepared in accordance with [subpart 14.2](#) and this section using the forms prescribed in [part 53](#).

(c) *Contracting officers should* assure that each invitation for bids includes the following information, when applicable. The appropriate wage determination of the Secretary of Labor (see [subpart 22.4](#)), or, if the invitation for bids *must* be issued before the wage determination is received, a notice that the schedule of minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract will be issued as an amendment to the invitation for bids before the opening date for bids (see [14.208](#) and [subpart 22.4](#)).

(1) The Performance of Work by the Contractor clause (see [36.501](#) and [52.236-1](#)).

(2) The magnitude of the proposed *construction* project (see [36.204](#)).

(3) The period of performance (see [subpart 11.4](#)).

(4) Arrangements made for bidders to inspect the site and examine the data concerning performance of the work (see [36.210](#)).

(5) Information concerning any facilities, such as utilities, office space, and warehouse space, to be furnished during *construction*.

(6) Information concerning the prebid conference (see [14.207](#)).

(7) Any special qualifications or experience requirements that will be considered in determining the responsibility of bidders (see [subpart 9.1](#)).

(8) Any special instructions concerning bids, *alternate* bids, and award.

(9) Any instructions concerning reporting requirements.

(d) The *contracting officer shall* send invitations for bids to prospective bidders who requested them in response to the presolicitation notice, and *should* send them to other prospective bidders upon their specific request (see [5.102\(a\)](#)).

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