

## 42.501 General.

(a) A postaward orientation aids both Government and contractor personnel to (1) achieve a clear and mutual understanding of all contract requirements, and (2) identify and resolve potential problems. However, it is not a substitute for the contractor's fully understanding the work requirements at the time *offers* are submitted, nor is it to be used to alter the final agreement arrived at in any negotiations leading to contract award.

(b) Postaward orientation is encouraged to assist (see [part 19](#))-

(1) Small business concerns;

(2) *Small disadvantaged business concerns*;

(3) Veteran-owned small business concerns;

(4) Service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns;

(5) *HUBZone* small business concerns; and

(6) *Women-owned small business concerns* (including economically disadvantaged *women-owned small business concerns* and *women-owned small business concerns* eligible under the Women-Owned Small Business Program).

(c) While cognizant Government or contractor personnel *may* request the *contracting officer* to arrange for orientation, it is up to the *contracting officer* to decide whether a postaward orientation in any form is necessary.

(d) Maximum benefits will be realized when orientation is conducted promptly after award.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 42.5 - Postaward Orientation](#)