

# 52.214-19 Contract Award-Sealed Bidding-Construction.

As prescribed in [14.201-6\(m\)](#), insert the following provision:

Contract Award-Sealed Bidding-*Construction* (Aug 1996)

(a) The Government will evaluate bids in response to this *solicitation* without discussions and will award a contract to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming to the *solicitation*, will be most advantageous to the Government, considering only price and the price-related factors specified elsewhere in the *solicitation*.

(b) The Government *may* reject any or all bids, and waive informalities or minor irregularities in bids received.

(c) The Government *may* accept any item or combination of items, unless doing so is precluded by a restrictive limitation in the *solicitation* or the bid.

(d) The Government *may* reject a bid as nonresponsive if the prices bid are materially unbalanced between *line items* or *subline items*. A bid is materially unbalanced when it is based on prices significantly less than cost for some work and prices which are significantly overstated in relation to cost for other work, and if there is a reasonable doubt that the bid will result in the lowest overall cost to the Government even though it *may* be the low evaluated bid, or if it is so unbalanced as to be tantamount to allowing an advance payment.

(End of provision)

**Parent topic:** [52.214](#) [\[Reserved\]](#)