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## **5117.9004-2 Solicitation.**

(a) The Contracting officer must ensure that the specifications and the JOCPB have undergone technical review and validation and are tailored to meet the projected requirements of the requiring activity and local economic conditions.

(b) The JOC solicitation must include realistic and reasonable annual minimum and maximum dollar amounts for projected requirements to encourage competition and lower coefficients. Generally, the higher the minimum is, the lower the coefficient proposed will be.

(c) The solicitation must explain the make-up of the Government unit prices and specify what types of costs, as a minimum, must be covered by the coefficient. Offerors may have multiple coefficients and must specify what additional types of costs are included in their coefficients in their proposal. These additional costs may be incorporated in the contract, if appropriate, and may preclude later disagreements over non-pre-priced tasks. Multiple coefficients may be used for normal working hours and other than normal working hours.

(d) The solicitation must explain that there will be no separate repayment(s) for bond premiums because the bond premium is repaid through the coefficient, and the coefficient is paid as an indirect cost under progress payment or other standard payment provisions.

(e) JOC solicitation and contracts must use either annual coefficient adjustments or an annually updated JOCPB, but not both. AFARS clause 5152.237-9000, Adjustments to Contractor's Coefficient for Option Years, can be used in JOC contracts in accordance with this paragraph when annual coefficient adjustments are used.

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