

# 5206.303-1 Requirements.

(a)(i) *Prior to contract award.* After a justification has been approved but prior to contract award, an amended justification may be submitted when new procurement work is identified and the authority remains unchanged from the original justification.

(1) Clearly identify the dollar increase and all new procurement work.

(2) If the revised total value of the amended justification exceeds the original justification's approving authority, the contracting officer shall submit the amended justification to the appropriate approving authority based on the revised total value.

(ii) *After contract award.* A new justification is required. New procurement work shall not commence until a new justification is approved unless authorized under FAR 6.302-2, Unusual and Compelling Urgency.

(d)(1) A justification shall only be approved on a class basis when it is authorizing new procurement work on two or more procurements which cite the same authority for other than full and open competition. Multiyear contracts and contracts with priced options are considered individual contract actions. A justification made on a class basis--

(A) May cover one or more contractors;

(B) May cover requirements solicited in successive fiscal years, provided the requirements and quantities are included in the justification, and their costs have been specifically identified.

(C) Shall include only those requirements that are, and will remain, sole or limited source for the period covered by the justification.

(D) May include, but is not limited to:

(i) A BOA and orders to be issued under it,

(ii) Consecutive years of production buys that may be solicited separately.

(iii) Multiple contracts to provide Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) for assembly into an end item.

(E) Shall address in every section, each contract included in the class justification with supporting detail (e.g., specific quantity and dollar amounts for each contract; detailed documentation of the circumstances supporting the use of the other than full and open competitive procedures for each contracting action).

(2) Issuance of a contract under FAR 16.5 does not require a class J&A.

(S-90) Approval and Authorization for Bridge Contracts.

(a) Approval and authorization to award a bridge contract, a non-competitive contract awarded to "bridge" the time between the end of one contract and the beginning of another related contract, shall be obtained prior to requesting a J&A. See Annex 4 for STRL deviations applicable hereto. Annex 5, Bridge Contract Approval and Reporting, contains the prescribed format for the request for

approval. The approval authorities for bridge contract actions are:

(1) \$700,000 or less - The Activity CCO

(2) Greater than or equal to \$700,000 but less than \$5,500,000 - Echelon I/II CCO

(3) Greater than or equal to \$5,500,000 - HCA

(b) For the purposes of approving bridge contracts, HCAs designated as an Echelon III command shall have the same approval authority as those designated as an Echelon II command.

(c) This approval authority is only delegable one level.

(d) Once approval to award a bridge contract is obtained, a J&A for other than full and open competition shall also be approved in accordance with FAR 6.303/6.304 and DFARS

206.303/206.304. If approval of the J&A negates consideration under SeaPort, see 5206.304 and 5206.305. This applies if the contract for which a bridge is being sought would have been considered for transition to SeaPort but for the bridge.

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