

# Subpart 501.5 - Agency and Public Participation

**Parent topic:** [Part 501 - General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation System](#)

## 501.501 Solicitation of agency and public views.

(a) A revision to the FAR or GSAM requires public participation through the rulemaking process if it is considered to be significant, as defined at FAR 1.501-1. For example, the revision—

(1) Contains a new certification requirement for contractors or offerors that is not imposed by statute (see FAR 1.107 and [501.107](#)); or

(2) Will be used on a repetitive basis and imposes a new requirement for the collection of information from 10 or more members of the public (see FAR 1.106).

(b) A revision to the FAR or GSAM does not require public participation through rulemaking if it is not considered to be significant as defined at FAR 1.501-1. For example, the revision—

(1) Is for a single-use intended to meet the needs of an individual acquisition (*e.g.*, a clause developed as a result of negotiations and documented in the business clearance or similar document), except for clauses that constitute a deviation as defined at FAR 1.401; or

(2) Is used on a repetitive basis, but does not impose a new requirement for the collection of information from 10 or more members of the public (*e.g.* a requirement for a statement of work)(see FAR 1.106).