## **Subpart 506.3 - Other than Full and Open Competition**

Parent topic: Part 506 - Competition Requirements

## 506.304 Approval of the justification.

- (a) *Proposing a class justification*. If you determine that the facts supporting other than full and open competition would be present in other GSA contracting activities, you should propose a class justification. Recommend through appropriate channels that the Senior Procurement Executive approve a class justification for all GSA contracting activities. This does not apply to justifications based on the authority of 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(7), which does not permit class justifications.
- (b) *Justifications based on* 41 U.S.C.253(c)(7). For a justification based on the authority of 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(7) (see FAR 6.302-7), submit the justification for the Administrator's approval through the SPE.
- (c) Justifications for contract actions subject to the Agreement on Government Procurement. When you acquire eligible products without full and open competition using the authority in FAR 6.302-3(a)(2)(i) or 6.302-7, furnish a copy of the approved justification to the SPE at <a href="mailto:spe.request@gsa.gov">spe.request@gsa.gov</a>. The SPE will transmit the justification to the U.S. Trade Representative.
- (d) *Approval for Justifications*. The contracting officer shall obtain approval for justifications for other than full and open competition as required by the approval thresholds in paragraph (e)
- (1)Contracting Activity Advocate for Competition approval is required for all justifications for other than full and open competition over \$750K.
- (2) The contracting officer shall obtain approvals as required by the Service prior to the SPE, as applicable.
- (e) *Approval Thresholds*. The following are the minimum approval requirements for justifications. The HCA may further limit approval authority for designated officials or impose lower thresholds. Thresholds include all options.

## **Threshold**

## **Approving Official**

Up to but not exceeding \$750K Contracting Officer

Over \$750K to \$75M HCA or Contracting Executive, if applicable

Over \$75M GSA SPE