

Subpart 509.1 - Responsible Prospective Contractors

Parent topic: [Part 509 - Contractor Qualifications](#)

509.105 Procedures.

509.105-1 Obtaining information.

FAR [9.105-1](#) lists a number of sources of information that a contracting officer may utilize before making a determination of responsibility. The contracting officer may request information directly from a prospective contractor using [GSA Form 527](#), Contractor's Qualifications and Financial Information, but only after exhausting other available sources of information.

509.105-2 Determinations and documentation.

- (a) The contracting officer shall provide written notification to a prospective contractor determined not responsible. Include the basis for the determination. Notification provides the prospective contractor with the opportunity to correct any problem for future solicitations.
- (b) Due to the potential for de facto debarment, the contracting officer shall avoid making repeated determinations of nonresponsibility based on the same past performance information.
- (c) To provide for timely consideration of the need to institute action to debar a contractor, the contracting officer shall submit a copy of each nonresponsibility determination, other than those based on capacity or financial capability, to the Suspension and Debarment Official in the Office of Acquisition Policy.