

**SUBPART 235.70—RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT STREAMLINED  
CONTRACTING PROCEDURES**

**235.7000 Scope.**

This subpart prescribes streamlined procedures for acquiring research and development, using a standard solicitation and contract format and the capabilities of the World Wide Web.

**235.7001 Definitions.**

As used in this subpart—

(a) “Research and development streamlined contract (RDSC)” means—

(1) A contract that results from use of the research and development streamlined solicitation; or

(2) Any other contract prepared in the standard format published at the RDSS/C website.

(b) “Research and development streamlined solicitation (RDSS)” means a solicitation issued in accordance with 235.7003.

(c) “RDSS/C website” means the site on the World Wide Web at “<http://www.rdss.osd.mil/>” where research and development streamlined solicitation and contracting information is published.

**235.7002 Applicability.**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, consider using the procedures in this subpart for acquisitions that—

(1) Will result in the award of a cost-reimbursement contract; and

(2) Meet the criteria for research and development as defined in 235.001 and FAR 35.001.

(b) Do not use the procedures in this subpart for —

(1) Contracts to be performed outside the United States and Puerto Rico;

(2) Contracts denominated in other than U.S. dollars;

(3) Acquisitions using simplified acquisition procedures;

(4) Acquisition of engineering and manufacturing development, management support, or operational system development, as defined in 235.001; or

(5) Acquisition of laboratory supplies and equipment, base support services, or other services identified in paragraphs (a) through (h) of the definition of “service contract” at FAR 37.101.

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(c) Regardless of whether the RDSS is used, the RDSC may be used for any acquisition that meets the criteria in paragraph (a) of this section.

#### **235.7003 Research and development streamlined solicitation and contract.**

##### **235.7003-1 General.**

The procedures and standard format are published at the RDSS/C website. The RDSS/C Managing Committee is responsible for updating the website.

##### **235.7003-2 RDSS process.**

(a) *Synopsis.* The Commerce Business Daily synopsis required by FAR 5.203 shall include—

- (1) The information required by FAR 5.207; and
- (2) Statements that—
  - (i) A paper solicitation will not be issued; and
  - (ii) The solicitation will be published at the RDSS/C website.

(b) *Solicitation.*

- (1) The solicitation—
  - (i) Shall be published in its entirety at the RDSS/C website;
  - (ii) Shall include the applicable version number of the RDSS standard format; and
  - (iii) Shall incorporate by reference the appropriate terms and conditions of the RDSS standard format.
- (2) To encourage preparation of better cost proposals, consider allowing a delay between the due dates for technical and cost proposals.

(c) *Amendments.* Amendments shall be published at the RDSS/C website.

##### **235.7003-3 Proposal evaluation and contract award.**

(a) Evaluate proposals in accordance with the evaluation factors set forth in the RDSS.

(b) *RDSC.*

- (1) The RDSC shall include—
  - (i) Standard Form (SF) 33, Solicitation, Offer, and Award, or SF 26, Award/Contract; and

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(ii) Sections B through J of the RDSS or other solicitation, with applicable fill-in information inserted.

(2) When an RDSC is awarded to an educational or nonprofit institution—

(i) Remove provisions and clauses that do not apply to educational and nonprofit institutions; and

(ii) As necessary, insert appropriate replacement provisions and clauses.

#### **235.7003-4 Additional provisions and clauses.**

Use of FAR and DFARS provisions and clauses, and nonstandard provisions and clauses approved for agency use, that are not in the RDSS/C standard format, shall be approved in accordance with agency procedures.