

## 1836.603

36.602-3(d) before presentation to the Associate Administrator having institutional responsibility.

### **1836.603 Collecting data on and appraising firms' qualifications.**

The architect-engineer selection boards (see 1836.602-2) are designated as NASA's evaluation boards for the purposes of FAR 36.603.

### **1836.605 Government cost estimate for architect-engineer work. (NASA supplements paragraph (b))**

(b) The contracting officer may disclose the overall amount of the Government estimate after award upon request of offerors.

## **Subpart 1836.7—Standard and Optional Forms for Contracting for Construction, Architect-Engineer Services, and Dismantling, Demolition, or Removal of Improvements**

### **1836.702 Forms for use in contracting for architect-engineer services. (NASA supplements paragraph (a))**

(a)(i) Instructions for completing Standard Form 252, Architect-Engineer Contract, are as follows:

(a) Block 5-Project Title and Location. Include a short description of the construction project and the estimated cost of constructing the facilities for the project. If the space provided is insufficient, include a more detailed description in the contract's specification/work statement and identify the location of the more detailed description in Block 10.

(b) Block 6-Contract For (General description of services to be provided). Include a brief description of the services and state that they are fully set out in the specification/work statement. Clearly specify the date by which design services must be completed. If supervision and inspection services during construction are to be acquired, clearly specify the date by which they must be completed and add a statement that the Government may extend the period for their performance as provided in the Changes clause of the contract.

(c) Block 7-Contract Amount. If the contract is for both design and super-

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vision and inspection services, set out the amounts for each effort separately.

(ii) The services to be furnished by an architect-engineer should be carefully defined during negotiation of the contract and a statement of them inserted in the contract's specification/work statement. The statement should clearly and concisely set forth the nature and extent of the services and include any special services, such as the nature and extent of subsurface exploration prior to designing foundations. A similar statement of supervision and inspection services should be inserted in the specification/work statement if supervision and inspection services are to be acquired.

## **Subpart 1836.70—Partnering**

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### **1836.7001 Definition.**

*Partnering* means a relationship of open communication and close cooperation that involves both Government and Contractor personnel working together for the purpose of establishing a mutually beneficial, proactive, cooperative environment within which to achieve contract objectives and resolve issues and implementing actions as required.

### **1836.7002 General.**

(a) The establishment of a partnering environment usually leads to higher quality products completed more quickly at lower overall costs and with fewer accidents and litigation.

(b) The use of partnering is encouraged as it has been shown to reduce the average contract cost and schedule growth and to reduce contract claims and litigation.

(c) Partnering is a voluntary contract relationship within the management process that is not to be used to unofficially alter terms of the contract.

### **1836.7003 Policy.**

(a) Partnering should be used on a contract when the contracting officer, in coordination with the project manager, determines that the benefits to be