

## Agency for International Development

## 706.501

be reflected in the determination and finding.

(4) Use of the authority in 706.302-70(b)(5) for proposed follow-on amendments in excess of one year or over \$250,000 is subject to the approval of the Agency Competition Advocate. For all other follow-on amendments using this authority, the contracting officer's certification required in FAR 6.303-2(a)(12) will serve as approval.

[50 FR 40976, Oct. 8, 1985, and 50 FR 51395, Dec. 17, 1985, as amended at 54 FR 28069, July 5, 1989; 54 FR 46389, Nov. 3, 1989; 57 FR 5235, Feb. 13, 1992; 61 FR 39091, July 26, 1996; 62 FR 40467, July 29, 1997; 64 FR 42042, Aug. 3, 1999]

### **706.302-71 Small disadvantaged businesses.**

(a) *Authority.* (1) Citations: Sec. 579, Pub. L. 101-167 (Fiscal Year (FY) 1990), Sec. 567, Pub. L. 101-513 (FY 1991), Sec. 567, Pub. L. 102-145 (FY 1992), Sec. 562, Pub. L. 102-391 (FY 1993), Sec. 558, Pub. L. 103-87 (FY 1994), and Sec. 555, Pub. L. 103-306 (FY 1995).

(2) Except to the extent otherwise determined by the Administrator, not less than ten percent of the amounts made available through the appropriations cited in paragraph (a)(1) of this section for development assistance and for assistance for famine recovery and development in Africa shall be used only for activities of disadvantaged enterprises (as defined in 726.7002). In order to achieve its goal, USAID is authorized in the cited statutes to use other than full and open competition to award contracts to small business concerns owned and controlled by socially and economically disadvantaged individuals (small disadvantaged businesses as defined in 726.7002), historically black colleges and universities, colleges and universities having a student body of which more than 40 percent of the students are Hispanic Americans, and private voluntary organizations which are controlled by individuals who are socially and economically disadvantaged, as the terms are defined in 726.7002.

(b) *Application.* This authority may be used only if the Agency determines in accordance with 726.7004 that:

(1) The acquisition is to be funded from amounts referred to in paragraph (a) of this section;

(2) Award of the acquisition to an eligible organization is appropriate to meet the requirement in paragraph (a)(2) of this section; and

(3) After considering whether the acquisition can be made under the authority of section 8(a), award under section 8(a) is not practicable.

(c) *Limitations.* (1) Offers shall be requested from as many potential offerors as is practicable under the circumstances.

(2) Use of this authority is not subject to the requirements in FAR 6.303 and FAR 6.304, provided that the contract file includes a certification by the contracting officer stating that the procurement is being awarded pursuant to 706.302-71 and that the application requirements and limitations of 706.302-71 (b) and (c) have been complied with.

[56 FR 27208, June 13, 1991, as amended at 58 FR 8702, Feb. 17, 1993; 61 FR 51235, Oct. 1, 1996; 62 FR 40467, July 29, 1997]

### **706.303-1 Requirements.**

(a)-(c) [Reserved]

(d) USAID project procurements are generally not subject to the Trade Agreements Acts of 1979 (see 725.403 of this chapter). To the extent procurements are made under the authority of FAR 6.302-3(a)(2)(i) or FAR 6.302-7 with Operating Expenses (OE) Funds, the Contracting Officer shall send a copy of the justification to the Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20506, ATTN: Director, International Procurement Policy.

[50 FR 16086, Apr. 24, 1985]

## **Subpart 706.5—Competition Advocates**

### **706.501 Requirement.**

The USAID Administrator delegated the authority to designate the agency competition advocate and a competition advocate for each agency procuring activity (see 706.003 of this part) to the M/OP Director. The M/OP Director, under the Administrator's delegation, has designated the M/OP Deputy Director for Policy, Evaluation and Support as the Agency's competition advocate and the deputy head of each

contracting activity as the competition advocate for each activity. The competition advocate for M/OP is the Deputy Director for Operations. If there is no deputy, the head of the contracting activity is designated the competition advocate for that activity. The competition advocate's duties may not be redelegated, but can be exercised by persons serving as acting deputy (or acting head) of the contracting activity. For definitions of contracting activity and head of contracting activity, see 702.170-3 and 702.170-10, respectively.

[59 FR 33446, June 29, 1994, as amended at 64 FR 5006, Feb. 2, 1999; 64 FR 42040, Aug. 3, 1999]

## PART 707—ACQUISITION PLANNING

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AUTHORITY: Sec. 621, Pub. L. 87-195, 75 Stat. 445, (22 U.S.C. 2381) as amended; E.O. 12163, Sept. 29, 1979, 44 FR 56673; 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 435.

### Subpart 709.4—Debarment, Suspension and Ineligibility

#### 709.403 Definitions.

*Debarring official* in USAID is the M/OP Director.

*Suspending official* in USAID is the M/OP Director.

[62 FR 40467, July 29, 1997, as amended at 64 FR 42040, Aug. 3, 1999]

## Subpart 709.5—Organizational Conflicts of Interest

### 709.503 Waiver.

For purposes of approving waivers or further delegating the authority to approve waivers pursuant to FAR 9.503, the M/OP Director is the Agency head (see AIDAR 701.601(a)(1)). The M/OP Director hereby delegates the authority to approve waivers pursuant to FAR 9.503 to the heads of USAID contracting activities, as defined in AIDAR 702.170-10.

[64 FR 42042, Aug. 3, 1999]

### 709.507-2 Contract clause.

(a)-(b) [Reserved]

(c) In order to avoid problems from organizational conflicts of interest that may be discovered after award of a contract, the clause found at 752.209-71 shall be inserted in all contracts whenever the solicitation or resulting contract or both include a provision in accordance with (48 CFR) FAR 9.507-1, or a clause in accordance with (48 CFR) FAR 9.507-2, establishing a restraint on the contractor's eligibility for future contracts.

[58 FR 42255, Aug. 9, 1993, as amended at 64 FR 5006, Feb. 2, 1999]

## PART 711—DESCRIBING AGENCY NEEDS

Sec.

711.002-70 Metric system waivers.

711.002-71 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

AUTHORITY: Sec. 621, Pub. L. 87-195, 75 Stat. 445, (22 U.S.C. 2381) as amended; E.O. 12163, Sept. 29, 1979, 44 FR 56673; 3 CFR, 1979 Comp., p. 435.

### 711.002-70 Metric system waivers.

(a) *Criteria.* The FAR 11.002(b) requirement to use the metric system of measurement for specifications and quantitative data that are incorporated in or required by USAID contracts may be waived when USAID determines in writing that such usage is impractical or is likely to cause U.S. firms to experience significant inefficiencies or the loss of markets.

(b) *Authorization.* (1) The USAID Metric Executive (as designated in ADS