

**§ 102-38.185**

**§ 102-38.185 May we sell Federal personal property to State or local governments?**

Yes, you may sell Federal personal property to State or local governments. Additional guidelines on sales to State or local governments are contained in subpart G of this part.

ACCEPTANCE OF BIDS

**§ 102-38.190 What is considered a responsive bid?**

A responsive bid is a bid that complies with the terms and conditions of the sales offering, and satisfies the requirements as to the method and timeliness of the submission. Only responsive bids may be considered for award.

**§ 102-38.195 Must bidders use authorized bid forms?**

No, bidders do not have to use authorized bid forms; however if a bidder uses his/her own bid form to submit a bid, the bid may be considered only if—  
(a) The bidder accepts all the terms and conditions of the offer to sell; and  
(b) Award of the bid would result in a binding contract.

**§ 102-38.200 Who may accept bids?**

Authorized agency representatives may accept bids for your agency. These individuals should meet your agency's requirements for approval of Government contracts.

**§ 102-38.205 Must we accept all bids?**

No, the Government reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. You may reject any or all bids when such action is advantageous to the Government, or when it is in the public interest to do so.

**§ 102-38.210 What happens when bids have been rejected?**

You may re-offer items for which all bids have been rejected at the same sale, if possible, or another sale.

**§ 102-38.215 When may we disclose the bid results to the public?**

You may disclose bid results to the public after the sales award of any item or lot of property. On occasions when there is open bidding, usually at a spot bid sale or auction, all bids are

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disclosed as they are submitted. No information other than names may be disclosed regarding the bidder(s).

**§ 102-38.220 What must we do when the highest bids received have the same bid amount?**

When the highest bids received have the same bid amount, you must consider other factors of the sale (*e.g.*, timely removal of the property, terms of payment, etc.) that would make one offer more advantageous to the Government. However, if you are unable to make a determination based on available information, and the Government has an acceptable offer, you may re-offer the property for sale, or you may utilize random tiebreakers to avoid the expense of reselling the property.

**§ 102-38.225 What are the additional requirements in the bid process?**

All sales except fixed price sales must contain a certification of independent price determination. If there is suspicion of false certification or an indication of collusion, you must refer the matter to the Department of Justice or your agency's Office of the Inspector General.

BID DEPOSITS

**§ 102-38.230 Is a bid deposit required to buy personal property?**

No, a bid deposit is not required to buy personal property. However, should you require a bid deposit to protect the Government's interest, a deposit of 20 percent of the total amount of the bid is generally considered reasonable.

**§ 102-38.235 What types of payment may we accept as bid deposits?**

In addition to the acceptable types of payments in § 102-38.290, you may also accept a deposit bond. A deposit bond may be used in lieu of cash or other acceptable form of deposit when permitted by the offer to sell, such as the Standard Form (SF) 150, Deposit Bond—Individual Invitation, Sale of Government Personal Property, SF 151, Deposit Bond—Annual, Sale of Government Personal Property, and SF 28, Affidavit of Individual Surety. For information on how to obtain these forms, see § 102-2.135 of subchapter A.