

(b) The contracting activity shall use the Central Contractor Registration database (<http://www.ccr.gov>) to establish that the selected 8(a) firm is a current program participant.

(c) Once an 8(a) contractor has been identified, the agency contracting officer shall establish the price with the selected 8(a) contractor.

(d) The contracting officer shall issue the purchase order or contract directly to the 8(a) firm in accordance with the provisions of FAR part 13 and DOSAR part 613. The contracting officer shall insert FAR clause 52.219-14, Limitations on Subcontracting, and DOSAR clause 652.219-71, Section 8(a) Direct Award, in all purchase orders and contracts awarded under this subsection. The contracting officer's title shall include the contracting activity, as follows: Contracting Officer for the Department of State [insert contracting activity]. In addition, in accordance with the MOU, A/SDBU staff who have been issued limited contracting officer warrants for this purpose, shall sign the purchase order or contract as a third party.

(e) The contracting officer shall forward to the SBA District Office serving the 8(a) firm a copy of the purchase order or contract within five days after the order is issued.

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619.804 Evaluation, offering, and acceptance.

619.804-2 Agency offering.

(a) When applicable, this notification shall identify that the offering is in accordance with the MOU identified in 619.800.

619.804-3 SBA acceptance.

619.804-3-70 SBA acceptance under MOUs for acquisitions exceeding \$100,000.

(a) The SBA's decision whether to accept the requirement shall be transmitted to the contracting agency in writing within five working days of receipt of the offer.

(b) The SBA may request, and the contracting agency may grant, an extension beyond the five-day limit.

(c) SBA's acceptance letter should be faxed or e-mailed to the offering contracting agency.

(d) If the offering contracting agency has not received an acceptance or rejection of the offering from SBA within five days of SBA's receipt of the offering letter, the contracting agency may assume that the requirement has been accepted and proceed with the acquisition.

(e) The contents of the acceptance letter shall be limited to the eligibility of the recommended 8(a) contractor.

619.805 Competitive 8(a).

619.805-2 Procedures.

(a) 8(a) acquisitions may also be conducted using simplified acquisition procedures (see FAR part 13). The award process is significantly streamlined where an MOU is in place.

(2) In accordance with a waiver approved by SBA, contract actions for services exceeding \$3 million and supplies exceeding \$5 million that supplement the security of U.S. diplomatic posts and protect the lives of Department personnel may be awarded non-competitively. Contracting officers do not need to compete 8(a) acquisitions as stated when those acquisitions exceed the 8(a) competition thresholds. This waiver is in effect for the duration of the national state of emergency as declared by the President of the United States. If a contracting officer has a question as to whether a particular action falls under this waiver, the contracting officer should contact A/SDBU.

(c)(3) For requirements exceeding \$100,000 processed under the MOU cited in 619.800, the contracting officer shall submit the name, address, and telephone number of the low offeror (in sealed bid acquisitions) or the apparent successful offeror (in negotiated acquisitions) to the SBA Business Opportunity Specialist at the field office servicing the identified 8(a) firm. The SBA shall determine the eligibility of the firm(s) and advise the contracting officer within two working days of the