Defense Acquisition Regulations System, DOD

Form 1155, Order for Supplies or Services.

§ 216.505–70 Orders under multiple award contracts.
(a) This subsection—
(1) Implements Section 803 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2002 (Pub. L. 107–107) for the acquisition of services, and establishes similar policy for the acquisition of supplies;
(2) Applies to orders for supplies or services exceeding $150,000 placed under multiple award contracts;
(3) Also applies to orders placed by non-DoD agencies on behalf of DoD; and
(4) Does not apply to orders for architect-engineer services, which shall be placed in accordance with the procedures in FAR Subpart 36.6.

(b) Each order exceeding $150,000 shall be placed on a competitive basis in accordance with paragraph (c) of this subsection, unless this requirement is waived on the basis of a justification that is prepared and approved in accordance with FAR 8.405–6 and includes a written determination that—
(1) A statute expressly authorizes or requires that the purchase be made from a specified source; or
(2) One of the circumstances described at FAR 16.505(b)(2)(i) through (iv) applies to the order. Follow the procedures at PGI 216.505–70 if FAR 16.505(b)(2)(ii) or (iii) is deemed to apply.

(c) An order exceeding $150,000 is placed on a competitive basis only if the contracting officer—
(1) Provides a fair notice of the intent to make the purchase, including a description of the supplies to be delivered or the services to be performed and the basis upon which the contracting officer will make the selection, to all contractors offering the required supplies or services under the multiple award contract; and
(2) Affords all contractors responding to the notice a fair opportunity to submit an offer and have that offer fairly considered.

(d) When using the procedures in this subsection—
(1) The contracting officer should keep contractor submission requirements to a minimum;
(2) The contracting officer may use streamlined procedures, including oral presentations;
(3) The competition requirements in FAR part 6 and the policies in FAR Subpart 15.3 do not apply to the ordering process, but the contracting officer shall consider price or cost under each order as one of the factors in the selection decision; and
(4) The contracting officer should consider past performance on earlier orders under the contract, including quality, timeliness, and cost control.

Subpart 216.6—Time-And-Materials, Labor-Hour, and Letter Contracts

216.601 Time-and-materials contracts.
(d) Limitations. (i) The determination and findings shall contain sufficient facts and rationale to justify that no other contract type is suitable. At a minimum, the determination and findings shall—
(A) Include a description of the market research conducted;
(B) Establish that it is not possible at the time of placing the contract or order to accurately estimate the extent or duration of the work or to anticipate costs with any reasonable degree of certainty;
(C) Establish that the requirement has been structured to minimize the use of time-and-materials requirements (e.g., limiting the value or
length of the time-and-materials portion of the contract or order; establish fixed prices for portions of the requirement; and
(D) Describe the actions planned to minimize the use of time-and-materials contracts on future acquisitions for the same requirements.
(ii) For indefinite-delivery contracts, the contracting officer shall—
(A) Structure contracts that authorize time-and-materials orders to also authorize orders on a cost-reimbursement, incentive, or fixed-price basis, to the maximum extent practicable; and
(B) Execute the determination and findings for—
(1) Each order placed on a time-and-materials basis if the indefinite-delivery contract also authorizes orders on a cost-reimbursement, incentive, or fixed-price basis; or
(2) The basic contract if the indefinite-delivery contract only authorizes time-and-materials orders. The determination and findings shall—
(i) Contain sufficient facts and rationale to justify why orders on a cost-reimbursement, incentive, and fixed-price basis are not practicable; and
(ii) Be approved one level above the contracting officer.
(e) Solicitation provisions. Use the provision at FAR 52.216-29, Time-and-Materials/Labor-Hour Proposal Requirements—Non-Commercial Item Acquisition with Adequate Price Competition, with 252.216-7002, Alternate A, in solicitations contemplating the use of a time-and-materials or labor-hour contract type for non-commercial items if the price is expected to be based on adequate competition.

216.603 Letter contracts.

216.603-2 Application.

(c)(3) In accordance with 10 U.S.C. 2326, establish definitization schedules for letter contracts following the requirements at 217.7404-3(a) instead of the requirements at FAR 16.603-2(c)(3).

216.603-3 Limitations.

See subpart 217.74 for additional limitations on the use of letter contracts.