PART 319—SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAMS

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319.201 General policy.

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319.202–2 Locating small business sources.

(a) OPDIVs shall foster, to the extent practicable, maximum participation by small businesses in HHS acquisitions. Prior to issuing a solicitation, the Contracting Officer shall make every reasonable effort to find small business concerns that can compete for the proposed requirement—see FAR 19.202, 10.001(2)(v), and 10.002(b)(1)(vii).

(1) If it cannot be determined in advance (through market research under FAR Part 10, discussions between the Contracting Officer and the SBS, or other means—see FAR 13.201, whether a solicitation in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold can be set aside exclusively for small business participation [whether for small businesses; HUBZone small businesses; service-disabled, veteran-owned small businesses; or 8(a) small business(es)], the Contracting Officer may publish a notice entitled “Small Business Sources Sought” in FedBizOpps. The purpose of a Small Business Sources Sought notice is to identify the availability and capability of qualified small business sources; and their size classification relative to the appropriate North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code. This will assist the Government in determining the appropriate acquisition method, including whether a set-aside is possible. However, to solicit technical, scientific, or business information for project planning purposes, an RFI may be used—see 315.201(e).