570.116 Contract format.

The uniform contract format is not required for leases of real property.

570.117 Sustainable requirements for lease acquisition.

Contracting officers must include sustainable design requirements appropriate for the type of leasing action in the solicitations for offers. Contracting officers can find solicitation requirements and instructions on http://www.gsa.gov/leasing under Leasing Policies and Procedures, Green Leasing, and in the Leasing Desk Guide to assist them in complying with GSA’s sustainable requirements identified in this part.

570.117–1 Federal leadership in environmental, energy, and economic performance.

In order to create a clean energy economy that will increase our Nation’s prosperity, promote energy security, protect the interests of taxpayers, and safeguard the health of our environment, GSA will accomplish all requirements of E.O. 13514 that apply to lease acquisition.

570.117–2 Guiding principles for federal leadership in high performance and sustainable buildings.

GSA is committed to the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of leased space that comply with all of the following Guiding Principles:

(a) Employ Integrated Design Principles;
(b) Optimize Energy Performance;
(c) Protect and Conserve Water;
(d) Enhance Indoor Environmental Quality; and
(e) Reduce the Environmental Impact of Building Materials.

570.201 Purpose.

This subpart prescribes simplified procedures for small leases. These procedures reduce administrative costs, while improving efficiency and economy, when acquiring small leasehold interests in real property.

570.202 Policy.

Use simplified lease acquisition procedures to the maximum extent practicable for actions at or below the simplified lease acquisition threshold.

570.203 Procedures.

570.203–1 Market survey.

Conduct a market survey to identify potential sources. Use information available in GSA or from other sources to identify locations that will meet the Government’s requirements.

570.203–2 Competition.

(a) To the maximum extent practicable, the contracting officer must solicit at least three sources to promote competition. If there are repeated requirements for space in the same market, invite two sources, if practicable, that are not included in the most recent solicitation to submit offers.
(b) If the contracting officer solicits only one source, document the file to explain the lack of competition.

570.203–3 Soliciting offers.

(a) The contracting officer must solicit offers by providing each prospective offeror a proposed short form lease GSA Form 3626 or SFO. The short form lease or SFO must:
(1) Describe the Government’s requirements.
(2) List all award factors, including price or cost, and any significant subfactors that the contracting officer will consider in awarding the lease.
(3) State the relative importance of the evaluation factors and subfactors.