

## 15.202 Advisory multi-step process.

(a) The agency *may* publish a presolicitation notice (see [5.204](#)) that provides a general description of the scope or purpose of the *acquisition* and invites potential *offerors* to submit information that allows the Government to advise the *offerors* about their potential to be viable competitors. The presolicitation notice *should* identify the information that *must* be submitted and the criteria that will be used in making the initial evaluation. Information sought *may* be limited to a statement of qualifications and other appropriate information (*e.g.*, proposed technical concept, *past performance*, and limited *pricing* information). At a minimum, the notice *shall* contain sufficient information to permit a potential *offeror* to make an informed decision about whether to participate in the *acquisition*. This process *should* not be used for multi-step *acquisitions* where it would result in *offerors* being required to submit identical information in response to the notice and in response to the initial step of the *acquisition*.

(b) The agency *shall* evaluate all responses in accordance with the criteria stated in the notice, and *shall* advise each respondent *in writing* either that it will be invited to participate in the resultant *acquisition* or, based on the information submitted, that it is unlikely to be a viable competitor. The agency *shall* advise respondents considered not to be viable competitors of the general basis for that opinion. The agency *shall* inform all respondents that, notwithstanding the advice provided by the Government in response to their submissions, they *may* participate in the resultant *acquisition*.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 15.2 - Solicitation and Receipt of Proposals and Information](#)