

~~14-602.~~

~~(A) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, A PROCUREMENT CONTRACT SHALL HAVE A STATEWIDE PARTICIPATION GOAL OF NOT LESS THAN 3% FOR DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.~~

~~(2) IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PARTICIPATION GOAL OF NOT LESS THAN 3% FOR DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES SHALL APPLY TO THE OVERALL DOLLAR AMOUNT EXPENDED ANNUALLY BY EACH AWARDING UNIT.~~

~~(B) EACH YEAR THE HEAD OF EACH AWARDING UNIT, JOINTLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, SHALL ESTABLISH A PARTICIPATION GOAL OF NOT LESS THAN 3% FOR DISABLED VETERANS THAT REFLECTS THE POTENTIAL OF DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES TO PERFORM CONTRACTS AND SUBCONTRACTS AND MAKES EFFORTS TO EXPAND PARTICIPATION BY DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES.~~

~~14-603.~~

~~(A) TO ACHIEVE THE RESULT SPECIFIED IN § 14-602 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AN AWARDING UNIT SHALL CONSIDER THE EFFORTS OF A RESPONSIBLE BIDDER OR RESPONSIBLE OFFEROR TO MEET DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOALS AND AWARD THE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT TO THE LOWEST RESPONSIBLE BIDDER OR RESPONSIBLE OFFEROR MEETING OR MAKING GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO MEET THESE GOALS.~~

~~(B) A BIDDER OR OFFEROR SHALL BE CONSIDERED TO HAVE MADE A GOOD FAITH EFFORT TO COMPLY WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION ON SUBMITTAL, WITHIN TIME LIMITS SPECIFIED BY THE AWARDING DEPARTMENT, OF DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE THAT ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WERE TAKEN:~~

~~(1) CONTACT WAS MADE WITH THE AWARDING UNIT TO IDENTIFY DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES;~~

~~(2) CONTACT WAS MADE WITH OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL AGENCIES AND DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE ORGANIZATIONS TO IDENTIFY DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES;~~

~~(3) ADVERTISING WAS PUBLISHED IN TRADE PAPERS AND PAPERS FOCUSING ON DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, UNLESS TIME LIMITS IMPOSED BY THE AWARDING UNIT DO NOT PERMIT THAT ADVERTISING;~~

~~(4) NOTICES OF INVITATIONS FOR BIDS OR REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS WERE PROVIDED TO POTENTIAL DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISE CONTRACTORS; AND~~

~~(5) AVAILABLE DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES WERE CONSIDERED.~~