

competitive procedure or combination of competitive procedures that is best suited under the circumstances of the procurement. In determining the competitive procedure appropriate under the circumstances, the Authority shall: a. solicit sealed bids if: (i) time permits the solicitation, submission, and evaluation of sealed bids; (ii) the award will be made on the basis of price and other price-related factors; (iii) it is not necessary to conduct discussions with the responding sources about their bids; and (iv) there is a reasonable expectation of receiving more than one sealed bid; or b. request competitive proposals if sealed bids are not appropriate under clause a. of this sentence.

2. The Authority may use procedures other than competitive procedures if: a. the [property] GOODS, services, or construction needed by the Authority are available from only one responsible source and no other type of [property] GOODS, services, or construction will satisfy the needs of the Authority; [or] b. the Authority's need for the [property] GOODS, services, or construction is of such an unusual and compelling urgency that the Authority would be seriously injured unless the Authority limits the number of sources from which it solicits bids or proposals; or c. the [property] GOODS or services needed can be obtained through federal or other governmental sources at reasonable prices.

3. For the purpose of applying subsection 2.a. of this section: a. in the case of a contract for [property] GOODS, services, or construction to be awarded on the basis of acceptance of an unsolicited proposal, the [property] GOODS, services, or construction shall be deemed to be available from only one responsible source if the source has submitted an unsolicited proposal that demonstrates a concept: (i) that is unique and innovative or, in the case of a service, for which the source demonstrates a unique capability to provide the service; and (ii) the substance of which is not otherwise available to the Authority and does not resemble the substance of a pending competitive procurement. b. In the case of a follow-on contract for the continued development or production of a major system or highly specialized equipment or the continued provision of highly specialized services, the [property] GOODS, services, or construction may be deemed to be available from only the original source and may be procured through procedures other than competitive procedures if it is likely that award to a source other than the original source would result in: (i) substantial duplication of cost to the Authority that is not expected to be recovered through competition; or (ii) unacceptable delays in fulfilling the Authority's needs.

4. If the Authority uses procedures other than competitive procedures to procure property, services, or construction under subsection 2.b. of this section, the Authority shall request offers from as many potential sources as is practicable under the circumstances.

5. a. To promote efficiency and economy in contracting, the Authority may use simplified acquisition procedures for purchases of property, services, and construction. b. For the purposes of this subsection, simplified acquisition procedures may be used for purchases for an amount that does not exceed the simplified acquisition threshold adopted by the federal government. c. A proposed purchase or contract for an amount above the simplified acquisition threshold may not be divided into several purchases or contracts for lesser amounts in order to use the procedures under paragraph