

(3) THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL PROCEED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IF THE CONTRACTOR FAILS TO RESPOND, PROVIDES AN INADEQUATE RESPONSE, OR DENIES THE CONTRACT CLAIM OR THE RELIEF SOUGHT BY THE UNIT IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

(B) (1) IF THE CONTRACTOR AND THE UNIT DO NOT RESOLVE THE CONTRACT CLAIM, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL PREPARE A PROPOSED DECISION ON THE CONTRACT CLAIM, INCLUDING:

(I) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTRACT CLAIM;

(II) REFERENCES TO PERTINENT CONTRACT PROVISIONS;

(III) A STATEMENT OF FACTUAL AREAS OF AGREEMENT OR DISAGREEMENT; AND

(IV) A STATEMENT IN THE PROPOSED DECISION WHOLLY OR PARTLY GRANTING OR DENYING THE RELIEF SOUGHT, WITH SUPPORTING RATIONALE.

(2) UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY REGULATION, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL SUBMIT THE CONTRACT CLAIM AND PROPOSED DECISION TO:

(I) THE HEAD OF THE UNIT; AND

(II) THE HEAD OF THE PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT OR OTHER EQUIVALENT UNIT OF WHICH THE UNIT IS A PART.

(3) (I) THE REVIEWING AUTHORITY SHALL APPROVE, MODIFY, OR DISAPPROVE THE PROPOSED DECISION.

(II) IN DISAPPROVING A PROPOSED DECISION, THE REVIEWING AUTHORITY MAY REMAND THE CONTRACT CLAIM WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER.

(III) ON REMAND, THE PROCUREMENT OFFICER SHALL PROCEED AS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE REVIEWING AUTHORITY.

(4) THE DECISION OF THE REVIEWING AUTHORITY IS THE FINAL ACTION OF THE UNIT.

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(a) Except for a contract claim related to a lease for real property, a bidder or offeror, a prospective bidder or offeror, A UNIT, or a contractor may appeal the final action of a unit to the Appeals Board.

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(a) Notwithstanding any provision of a procurement contract, the Appeals Board may award interest on money that the Appeals Board determines to be due to the UNIT OR THE contractor under a contract claim.