## 6.102 Use of competitive procedures.

The competitive procedures available for use in fulfilling the requirement for *full and open competition* are as follows:

- (a) *Sealed bids*. (See <u>6.401</u>(a).)
- (b) *Competitive proposals*. (See <u>6.401(b)</u>.) If sealed bids are not appropriate under paragraph (a) of this section, *contracting officers shall* request competitive proposals or use the other competitive procedures under paragraph (c) or (d) of this section.
- (c) Combination of competitive procedures. If sealed bids are not appropriate, contracting officers may use any combination of competitive procedures (e.g., two-step sealed bidding).
- (d) Other competitive procedures.
- (1) Selection of sources for architect-engineer contracts in accordance with the provisions of  $\underline{40}$   $\underline{U.S.C.\ 1102}$  et seq. is a competitive procedure (see <u>subpart 36.6</u> for procedures).
- (2) Competitive selection of basic and applied research and that part of development not related to the development of a specific system or hardware *procurement* is a competitive procedure if award results from-
- (i) A *broad agency announcement* that is general in nature identifying areas of research interest, including criteria for selecting proposals, and soliciting the participation of all *offerors* capable of satisfying the Government's needs; and
- (ii) A peer or scientific review.
- (3) Use of multiple award schedules issued under the procedures established by the Administrator of General Services consistent with the requirement of <u>41 U.S.C. 152(3)(A)</u> for the multiple award schedule program of the General Services Administration is a competitive procedure.

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