

## 9.206-3 Competition.

(a) *Presolicitation.* If a *qualification requirement* applies to an *acquisition*, the *contracting officer* shall review the applicable QPL, QML, or QBL or other identification of those sources which have met the requirement before issuing a *solicitation* to ascertain whether the number of sources is adequate for competition. (See [9.204\(a\)](#) for duties of the agency activity responsible for establishment of the *qualification requirement*.) If the number of sources is inadequate, the *contracting officer* shall request the agency activity which established the requirement to-

(1) Indicate the anticipated date on which any sources presently undergoing evaluation will have demonstrated their abilities to meet the *qualification requirement* so that the *solicitation* could be rescheduled to allow as many additional sources as possible to qualify; or

(2) Indicate whether a means other than the *qualification requirement* is feasible for testing or demonstrating quality assurance.

(b) *Post solicitation.* The *contracting officer* shall submit to the agency activity which established the *qualification requirement* the names and addresses of concerns which expressed interest in the *acquisition* but are not included on the applicable QPL, QML, or QBL or identified as meeting the *qualification requirement*. The activity will then assist interested concerns in meeting the standards specified for qualification (see [9.202\(a\)\(2\)](#) and (4)).

**Parent topic:** [9.206 Acquisitions subject to qualification requirements.](#)