

## 15.603 General.

(a) *Unsolicited proposals* allow unique and innovative ideas or approaches that have been developed outside the Government to be made available to Government agencies for use in accomplishment of their missions. *Unsolicited proposals* are offered with the intent that the Government will enter into a contract with the *offeror* for research and development or other efforts supporting the Government mission, and often represent a substantial investment of time and effort by the *offeror*.

(b) *Advertising material, commercial product or commercial service offers, or contributions*, as defined in [15.601](#), or routine correspondence on technical issues, are not *unsolicited proposals*.

(c) A valid *unsolicited proposal* must-

(1) Be innovative and unique;

(2) Be independently originated and developed by the *offeror*;

(3) Be prepared without Government supervision, endorsement, direction, or direct Government involvement;

(4) Include sufficient detail to permit a determination that Government support could be worthwhile and the proposed work could benefit the agency's research and development or other mission responsibilities;

(5) Not be an advance proposal for a known agency requirement that can be acquired by competitive methods; and

(6) Not address a previously published agency requirement.

(d) *Unsolicited proposals* in response to a publicized general statement of agency needs are considered to be independently originated.

(e) Agencies *must* evaluate *unsolicited proposals* for *energy savings performance contracts* in accordance with the procedures in 10 CFR436.33(b).

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 15.6 - Unsolicited Proposals](#)