

# 515.404-1 Proposal analysis techniques.

(a) *FAR deviation.* GSA has a class deviation from [FAR 15.404-1\(d\)\(2\)](#) that clarifies when a cost realism analysis is required for awards issued by GSA.

(1) *Solicitation requirements for GSA multiple-award IDIQ contracts.* The solicitation for a GSA multiple-award IDIQ must explain that a cost-realism analysis is not being performed at the IDIQ contract level, but instead will be performed at the task order level for cost-reimbursement orders;

(2) *Ordering guidance for GSA multiple-award IDIQ contracts.* The ordering guidance for a GSA multiple-award IDIQ must include instruction that a cost realism analysis shall be performed at the order level for any cost-reimbursement orders; and

(b) *Contracting officer responsibilities.* Contracting officers must include the following when addressing cost realism:

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(2) *Ordering guidance for GSA multiple-award IDIQ contracts.* The ordering guidance for a GSA multiple-award IDIQ must include instruction that a cost realism analysis shall be performed at the order level for any cost-reimbursement orders; and

(3) *Solicitation requirements for cost-reimbursement orders.* The solicitation for a cost-reimbursement task order must include a statement documenting that a cost realism analysis shall be performed as part of the selection decision.

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