

15.604 Agency points of contact.

(a) Preliminary contact with agency technical or other appropriate personnel before preparing a detailed *unsolicited proposal* or submitting proprietary information to the Government *may* save considerable time and effort for both parties (see [15.201](#)). Agencies *must* make available to potential *offerors of unsolicited proposals* at least the following information:

(1) Definition (see [2.101](#)) and content (see [15.605](#)) of an *unsolicited proposal* acceptable for formal evaluation.

(2) Requirements concerning *responsible prospective contractors* (see [subpart 9.1](#)), and organizational conflicts of interest (see [subpart 9.5](#)).

(3) Guidance on preferred methods for submitting ideas/concepts to the Government, such as any agency: upcoming *solicitations*; *Broad Agency Announcements*; Small Business Innovation Research programs; Small Business Technology Transfer Research programs; Program Research and Development Announcements; or grant programs.

(4) Agency points of contact for information regarding advertising, *contributions*, and other types of transactions similar to *unsolicited proposals*.

(5) Information sources on agency objectives and areas of potential interest.

(6) Procedures for submission and evaluation of *unsolicited proposals*.

(7) Instructions for identifying and marking proprietary information so that it is protected and restrictive legends conform to [15.609](#).

(b) Only the cognizant *contracting officer* has the authority to bind the Government regarding *unsolicited proposals*.

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