

## 19.402 Small Business Administration procurement center representatives.

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(1) The SBA may assign one or more *procurement* center representatives (PCRs) to any *contracting activity* or *contract administration office* to carry out SBA policies and programs. Assigned SBA PCRs are required to comply with the *contracting* agency's directives governing the conduct of *contracting* personnel and the release of contract information. The SBA must obtain for its PCRs security clearances required by the *contracting* agency.

(2) If an SBA PCR is not assigned to the *procuring activity* or *contract administration office*, contact the SBA Office of Government Contracting Area Office serving the area in which the *procuring activity* is located for assistance in carrying out SBA policies and programs. See <https://www.sba.gov/federal-contracting/counseling-help/procurement-center-representative-directory> for the location of the SBA office servicing the activity.

(b) Upon their request and subject to applicable *acquisition* and security regulations, *contracting officers* shall give SBA PCRs (or, if a PCR is not assigned, see paragraph (a) of this section) access to all reasonably obtainable contract information that is directly pertinent to their official duties.

(c) The duties assigned by SBA to its PCR are set forth at [13 CFR 125.2\(b\)](#) and include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Reviewing proposed *acquisitions* to recommend-

(i) The set-aside or sole-source award to a small business of selected *acquisitions*;

(ii) New qualified small business sources, including veteran-owned small, service-disabled veteran-owned small, *HUBZone* small, small disadvantaged, economically disadvantaged women-owned small, and women-owned small eligible under the Women-Owned Small Business Program;

(iii) Breakout of discrete *components*, items, and requirements for competitive *acquisitions*; and

(iv) Ways to improve competition.

(2) Reviewing proposed *acquisition* packages provided in accordance with [19.202-1\(e\)](#). If the SBA *procurement* center representative (or, if a *procurement* center representative is not assigned, see paragraph (a) of this section) believes that the *acquisition*, as proposed, makes it unlikely that small businesses can compete for the prime contract, the representative shall recommend any *alternate contracting* method that the representative reasonably believes will increase small business prime *contracting* opportunities. The recommendation shall be made to the *contracting officer* within 15 days after receipt of the package.

(3) Recommending *concerns* for inclusion on a list of *concerns* to be solicited in a specific *acquisition*.

(4) Appealing to the chief of the *contracting office* any *contracting officer's* determination not to solicit a *concern* recommended by the SBA for a particular *acquisition*, when not doing so results in

no small business being solicited.

(5) Conducting periodic reviews of the *contracting activity* to which assigned to ascertain whether it is complying with the small business policies in this regulation.

(6) Sponsoring and participating in conferences and training designed to increase small business participation in the *contracting activities* of the office.

(7) Appealing a *contracting officer's* rejection of PCR's recommendation. Such appeal *must* be *in writing* and *shall* be filed and processed in accordance with the appeal procedures set out in 19.502-8.

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