19.502-6 Setting aside a class of acquisitions for small business.

(a) A class of *acquisitions* of selected *products* or services, or a portion of the *acquisitions*, *may* be set aside for exclusive participation by small business *concerns* if individual *acquisitions* in the class will meet the criteria in 19.502-1, 19.502-2, or 19.502-3(a). The determination to make a class small business set-aside *shall* not depend on the existence of a current *acquisition* if future *acquisitions* can be clearly foreseen.

(b) The determination to set aside a class of *acquisitions* for small business *may* be either unilateral or joint.

(c) Each class small business set-aside determination *shall* be *in writing* and *must*-

(1) Specifically identify the product(s) and service(s) it covers;

(2) Provide that the set-aside does not apply to any *acquisition* automatically set aside under 19.502-2(a).

(3) Provide that the set-aside applies only to the (named) *contracting office*(s) making the determination; and

(4) Provide that the set-aside does not apply to any individual *acquisition* if the requirement is not severable into two or more economic production runs or reasonable lots, in the case of a partial class set-aside.

(d) The *contracting officer shall* review each individual *acquisition* arising under a class small business set-aside to identify any changes in the magnitude of requirements, specifications, delivery requirements, or competitive market conditions that have occurred since the initial approval of the class set-aside. If there are any changes of such a material nature as to result in probable payment of more than a *fair market price* by the Government or in a change in the capability of small business *concerns* to satisfy the requirements, the *contracting officer may* withdraw or modify (see 19.502-9(a)) the unilateral or joint set-aside by giving written notice to the SBA PCR (or, if a PCR is not assigned, see 19.402(a)) stating the reasons.

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