

# 536.203 Government estimate of construction cost.

(a) *Preparation of the Government Estimate.*

- (1) A copy of the independent Government estimate shall be submitted to the contracting officer before the date and time for bid opening or the date for receipt of proposals.
- (2) Before releasing a solicitation amendment that may affect price, a revised Government estimate shall be provided.

(b) *Release of the Government Estimate.*

- (1) Prior to award, the Government may disclose budget (*e.g.* prospectus) information in addition to the information required under [FAR 36.204](#) and GSAM [536.204](#).
- (2) During negotiations, the Government may disclose specific cost figures, but only to the extent considered necessary for arriving at a fair and reasonable price (also see [536.7103\(c\)](#) and [FAR 15.306\(e\)\(3\)](#)).
- (3) Prior to award and during negotiations, the overall amount of the independent Government estimated price may not be disclosed.

(c) *Use of the Government estimate.* The contracting officer may use the Government estimate to evaluate offers, as a guide in conducting contract negotiations or negotiations of contract modifications, and as a tool for determining the reasonableness or realism of prices.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 536.2 - Special Aspects of Contracting for Construction](#)