

## 9.104-4 Subcontractor responsibility.

(a) Generally, prospective prime contractors are responsible for determining the responsibility of their prospective subcontractors (but see [9.405](#) and [9.405-2](#) regarding debarred, *ineligible*, or suspended firms). Determinations of prospective subcontractor responsibility *may* affect the Government's determination of the prospective prime contractor's responsibility. A prospective contractor *may* be required to provide written evidence of a proposed subcontractor's responsibility.

(b) When it is in the Government's interest to do so, the *contracting officer may* directly determine a prospective subcontractor's responsibility (*e.g.*, when the prospective contract involves medical *supplies*, urgent requirements, or substantial subcontracting). In this case, the same standards used to determine a prime contractor's responsibility *shall* be used by the Government to determine subcontractor responsibility.

**Parent topic:** [9.104 Standards.](#)