

14.202-1 Bidding time.

(a) *Policy.* A reasonable time for prospective bidders to prepare and submit bids *shall* be allowed in all invitations, consistent with the needs of the Government. (For *construction* contracts, see [36.213-3\(a\)](#).) A bidding time (*i.e.*, the time between issuance of the *solicitation* and opening of bids) of at least 30 calendar days *shall* be provided, when synopsis is required by [subpart 5.2](#).

(b) *Factors to be considered.* Because of unduly limited bidding time, some potential sources *may* be precluded from bidding and others *may* be forced to include amounts for contingencies that, with additional time, could be eliminated. To avoid unduly restricting competition or paying higher-than-necessary prices, consideration *shall* be given to such factors as the following in establishing a reasonable bidding time:

- (1) Degree of urgency;
- (2) Complexity of requirement;
- (3) Anticipated extent of subcontracting;
- (4) Whether use was made of presolicitation notices;
- (5) Geographic distribution of bidders; and
- (6) Normal transmittal time for both invitations and bids.

Parent topic: [14.202 General rules for solicitation of bids.](#)