

# 15.001 Definitions.

As used in this part-

*Deficiency* is a material failure of a proposal to meet a Government requirement or a combination of significant *weaknesses* in a proposal that increases the risk of unsuccessful contract performance to an unacceptable level.

*Proposal modification* is a change made to a proposal before the *solicitation* closing date and time, or made in response to an amendment, or made to correct a mistake at any time before award.

*Proposal revision* is a change to a proposal made after the *solicitation* closing date, at the request of or as allowed by a *contracting officer*, as the result of negotiations.

*Weakness* means a flaw in the proposal that increases the risk of unsuccessful contract performance. A "significant *weakness*" in the proposal is a flaw that appreciably increases the risk of unsuccessful contract performance.

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