

# 15.403-5 Instructions for submission of certified cost or pricing data and data other than certified cost or pricing data.

(a) Taking into consideration the policy at [15.402](#), the *contracting officer shall* specify in the *solicitation* (see [15.408\(l\)](#) and (m))-

(1) Whether *certified cost or pricing data* are required;

(2) That, in lieu of submitting *certified cost or pricing data*, the *offeror may* submit a request for exception from the requirement to submit *certified cost or pricing data*;

(3) Any requirement for *data other than certified cost or pricing data*; and

(4) The requirement for necessary preaward or postaward access to *offeror's* records.

(b)

(1) *Format for submission of certified cost or pricing data.* When certification is required, the *contracting officer may* require submission of *certified cost or pricing data* in the format indicated in [15.408 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses](#). of [15.408](#), specify an alternative format, or permit submission in the contractor's format (See [15.408\(l\)\(1\)](#)), unless the data are required to be submitted on one of the termination forms specified in [subpart 49.6](#).

(2) *Format for submission of data other than certified cost or pricing data.* When required by the *contracting officer*, data other than *certified cost or pricing data may* be submitted in the *offeror's* own format unless the *contracting officer* decides that use of a specific format is essential for evaluating and determining that the *price* is fair and reasonable and the format has been described in the *solicitation*.

(3) *Format for submission of data supporting forward pricing rate agreements.* Data supporting *forward pricing rate agreements* or final indirect cost proposals *shall* be submitted in a form acceptable to the *contracting officer*.

**Parent topic:** [15.403 Obtaining certified cost or pricing data.](#)