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#### Subpart 505.1—Dissemination of Information

##### 505.101 Methods of disseminating information.

(a) In Regions with a Business Service Center (BSC), you may post the notice required by FAR 5.101(a)(2) at the BSC.

(b) Use GSA's Electronic Posting System (EPS) to issue each synopsis required by FAR part 5 or GSAR part 505. When synopsising a solicitation, include the appropriate notice(s) required by 504.570(c) and (d).

(c) For acquisitions involving real property:

If the acquisition is not exempt under FAR 5.202 or GSAR 505.202, and—	Then you must publicize the proposed acquisition—
(1) The acquisition is for real property appraisal services estimated to cost \$25,000 or more.	(1) Either: (i) In local newspapers. (ii) In the Commerce Business Daily through the EPS.
(2) The acquisition is for leasehold interests in real property estimated to exceed 10,000 square feet (except lease construction on a preselected site).	(2) Either: (i) In local newspapers. (ii) In the Commerce Business Daily through the EPS.
(3) The acquisition is for a leasehold interest in a building to be constructed on a preselected site.	(3) In the Commerce Business Daily through the EPS.

(d) You may publicize proposed leases of 10,000 square feet or less in local newspapers if it will serve to promote competition.

#### Subpart 505.2—Synopsis of Proposed Contract Actions

##### 505.202 Exceptions.

The Administrator has determined under section 18(c)(3) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act, as amended (41 U.S.C. 416(c)(3)) and Section 8(g)(3) of the Small Business Act, as amended (15 U.S.C. 644(g)(3)) that:

(a) Synopsising in the CBD is not always appropriate for acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property (except lease construction on a designated site) or real property appraisal serv-

ices. You may publicize such contract actions following the procedures in 505.101 and 505.203.

(b) It is not appropriate or reasonable to publish an advance notice of any of the following:

(1) Acquisitions of works of art, including the design, execution and installation of the artwork, under the Art-in-Architecture Program.

(2) Supplemental agreements to leases of real property involving any of the following:

(i) Expansion requests within the scope of a lease (see 570.403).

(ii) Lease extensions under the conditions defined in 570.405.

(iii) Building alterations within the scope of a lease (see 570.5).

## 505.203

### 505.203 Publicizing and response time.

(a) If you publicize in local newspapers under 505.101(c), ensure that the notice appears in local newspapers at least 3 calendar days before issuance of the solicitation. Except as provided in paragraph (B) of this section, allow at least these minimum response times:

(1) For leasehold interests in real property, 20 calendar days between solicitation issuance and the date established for receipt of initial offers.

(2) For real property appraisal services valued at less than either the Trade Agreements Act (TAA) threshold or the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) threshold, 10 calendar days between solicitation issuance and the date established for receipt of initial offers. The lower of the two thresholds governs.

(3) For real property appraisal services valued at or over the TAA threshold or the NAFTA threshold, 40 calendar days from when the notice appears to receipt of initial offers. If the acquisition falls in a general category identified in an annual forecast, the period may be reduced to as few as 10 days. The lower of the two thresholds governs.

(b) The following exceptions to the publicizing and response times in paragraph (a) of this section apply only to proposed acquisitions of leasehold interests in real property:

(1) For a proposed acquisition conducted using simplified lease acquisition procedures (see 570.2), consider the individual acquisition and establish a reasonable response time.

(2) In cases of urgency, provide as much time as possible and document the file.

### 505.270 Synopsis of amendments to solicitations.

Synopsise in the CBD any solicitation amendment when the amendment either:

(a) Increases the anticipated value of the proposed acquisition above the dollar threshold requiring synopsis.

(b) Alters the scope of the proposed acquisition so that increased interest of contractors can be reasonably anticipated.

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### Subpart 505.5—Paid Advertisements

#### 505.502 Authority.

(a) *Newspapers.* The HCA, or designee, must approve publication of paid newspaper advertisements. Approval is not required if FAR 5.101 or 505.101 requires publication. Document the contract file with the regulatory citation or written approval to support the use of paid newspaper advertisements.

(b) *Other media.* Advance approval is not required to advertise in other media.

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