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- (e) Contents of contract files that are contractor bid or proposal information or source selection information as defined in 2.101 must be protected from disclosure to unauthorized persons (see 3.104–4).
- (f) Agencies may retain contract files in any medium (paper, electronic, microfilm, etc.) or any combination of media, as long as the requirements of this subpart are satisfied.

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#### 4.803 Contents of contract files.

The following are examples of the records normally contained, if applicable, in contract files:

- (a) Contracting office contract file. (1) Purchase request, acquisition planning information, and other presolicitation documents
- (2) Justifications and approvals, determinations and findings, and associated documents.
  - (3) Evidence of availability of funds.
- (4) Synopsis of proposed acquisition as required by part 5 or a reference to the synopsis.
- (5) The list of sources solicited, and a list of any firms or persons whose requests for copies of the solicitation were denied, together with the reasons for denial.
- (6) Set-aside decision including the type and extent of market research conducted.
- (7) Government estimate of contract price.
- (8) A copy of the solicitation and all amendments thereto.
- (9) Security requirements and evidence of required clearances.
- (10) A copy of each offer or quotation, the related abstract, and records of determinations concerning late offers or quotations. Unsuccessful offers or quotations may be maintained separately, if cross-referenced to the contract file. The only portions of the unsuccessful offer or quotation that need be retained are—
- (i) Completed solicitation sections A, B, and K:
- (ii) Technical and management proposals;
  - (iii) Cost/price proposals;

- (iv) Any other pages of the solicitation that the offeror or quoter has altered or annotated.
- (11) Contractor's representations and certifications (see 4.1201(c)).
- (12) Preaward survey reports or reference to previous preaward survey reports relied upon.
  - (13) Source selection documentation.
- (14) Contracting officer's determination of the contractor's responsibility.
- (15) Small Business Administration Certificate of Competency.
- (16) Records of contractor's compliance with labor policies including equal employment opportunity policies.
- (17) Data and information related to the contracting officer's determination of a fair and reasonable price. This may include—
  - (i) Certified cost or pricing data;
- (ii) Data other than certified cost or pricing data;
- (iii) Justification for waiver from the requirement to submit certified cost or pricing data; or
- (iv) Certificates of Current Cost or Pricing Data.
- (18) Packaging and transportation
- (19) Cost or price analysis.
- (20) Audit reports or reasons for waiver.
- (21) Record of negotiation.
- (22) Justification for type of contract.
- (23) Authority for deviations from this regulation, statutory requirements, or other restrictions.
- (24) Required approvals of award and evidence of legal review.
  - (25) Notice of award.
- (26) The original of (i) the signed contract or award, (ii) all contract modifications, and (iii) documents supporting modifications executed by the contracting office.
- (27) Synopsis of award or reference thereto.
- (28) Notice to unsuccessful quoters or offerors and record of any debriefing.
- (29) Acquisition management reports (see subpart 4.6).
- (30) Bid, performance, payment, or other bond documents, or a reference thereto, and notices to sureties.
- (31) Report of postaward conference.

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- (32) Notice to proceed, stop orders, and any overtime premium approvals granted at the time of award.
- (33) Documents requesting and authorizing modification in the normal assignment of contract administration functions and responsibility.
- (34) Approvals or disapprovals of requests for waivers or deviations from contract requirements.
- (35) Rejected engineering change proposals.
- (36) Royalty, invention, and copyright reports (including invention disclosures) or reference thereto.
  - (37) Contract completion documents.
- (38) Documentation regarding termination actions for which the contracting office is responsible.
- (39) Cross-references to pertinent documents that are filed elsewhere.
- (40) Any additional documents on which action was taken or that reflect actions by the contracting office pertinent to the contract.
- (41) A current chronological list identifying the awarding and successor contracting officers, with inclusive dates of responsibility.
- (42) When limiting competition to women-owned small business (WOSB) concerns or economically disadvantaged women-owned small business (EDWOSB) concerns in accordance with subpart 19.15, include documentation—
- (i) Of the type and extent of market research; and
- (ii) That the NAICS code assigned to the acquisition is for an industry that SBA has designated as—
- (A) Underrepresented for economically disadvantaged women-owned small business set-asides, or
- (B) Substantially underrepresented for women-owned small business setasides.
- (b) Contract administration office contract file. (1) Copy of the contract and all modifications, together with official record copies of supporting documents executed by the contract administration office.
- (2) Any document modifying the normal assignment of contract administration functions and responsibility.
  - (3) Security requirements.
- (4) Certified cost or pricing data, Certificates of Current Cost or Pricing Data, or data other than certified cost

or pricing data; cost or price analysis; and other documentation supporting contractual actions executed by the contract administration office.

- (5) Preaward survey information.
- (6) Purchasing system information.
- (7) Consent to subcontract or purchase.
- (8) Performance and payment bonds and surety information.
  - (9) Postaward conference records.
  - (10) Orders issued under the contract.
- (11) Notice to proceed and stop orders.
- (12) Insurance policies or certificates of insurance or references to them.
- (13) Documents supporting advance or progress payments.
- (14) Progressing, expediting, and production surveillance records.
  - (15) Quality assurance records.
  - (16) Property administration records.
- (17) Documentation regarding termination actions for which the contract administration office is responsible.
- (18) Cross reference to other pertinent documents that are filed elsewhere.
- (19) Any additional documents on which action was taken or that reflect actions by the contract administration office pertinent to the contract.
  - (20) Contract completion documents.
- (c) Paying office contract file. (1) Copy of the contract and any modifications.
- (2) Bills, invoices, vouchers, and supporting documents.
  - (3) Record of payments or receipts.
  - (4) Other pertinent documents.

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### 4.804 Closeout of contract files.

# 4.804-1 Closeout by the office administering the contract.

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph(c) below, time standards for closing out contract files are as follows:
- (1) Files for contracts using simplified acquisition procedures should be considered closed when the contracting officer receives evidence of receipt of