

## Department of State

through the Principal Officer at the overseas post.

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### **606.370 Department of State standardization program.**

(a) It is the Department's policy to promote full and open competition in all procurement actions. The authority at 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1) shall be used with respect to standardization when only specified makes and models of equipment will satisfy the Department's needs and only one source is available. This policy applies to all acquisitions involving standardization, regardless of dollar amount.

(b) Contracts awarded under the authority at 41 U.S.C. 253(c)(1) shall be supported by the written justification described in FAR 6.303. The contracting officer, requirements office, procuring activity competition advocate, and the Procurement Executive shall approve all Justifications for Other than Full and Open Competition that cite standardization of technical equipment as justification to restrict competition. The Management Officer at each post is the procuring activity competition advocate for that post and the requirements office at post is the embassy functional office responsible for identifying the need to contract.

(c) Procurement of specified makes and models of technical equipment and systems, for which there is only one source of supply, is considered other than full and open competition. Such procurements shall be supported by an approved Justification for Other than Full and Open Competition. The justification shall include the content requirements of FAR 6.303-2. The justification shall also address potential cost savings in areas such as inventory, operations, training, maintenance, repairs, and administrative and management support. Areas of consideration for potential cost savings shall be supported by detailed estimates as attachments to the justification. Justifications shall specify an effective period, which shall bear a reasonable relationship to the life of the technical equipment. The effective period shall not exceed six years with a review at the end of the first three years. Periodic reviews shall be made during the stand-

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ardization period to determine whether the standardization should be continued, revised or canceled.

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### **Subpart 606.5—Competition Advocates**

#### **606.501 Requirement.**

(a) The Procurement Executive is the head of the agency for the purposes of FAR 6.501 and designates the Department Competition Advocate.

(b) A contracting activity competition advocate has been designated for A/LM/AQM. A/LM/AQM's competition advocate is also designated the contracting activity competition advocate for the Regional Procurement Support Offices. The Department Competition Advocate is the activity competition advocate for all other domestic contracting activities.

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#### **606.501-70 Overseas posts.**

The Management Officer at each overseas post is the competition advocate for that post.

[53 FR 26165, July 11, 1988, as amended at 69 FR 19331, Apr. 13, 2004]

#### **606.570 Solicitation provision.**

The contracting officer shall insert the provision at 652.206-70, Competition Advocate/Ombudsman, in all solicitations exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold.

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## **PART 607—ACQUISITION PLANNING**

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### **Subpart 607.1—Acquisition Plans**

#### **607.103 Agency-head responsibilities.**

The Procurement Executive is the agency head's designee for the purposes of FAR 7.103.

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