



Policy/Contractual Changes

Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements
Vendor Qualification Requirements





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Master Solicitation

Clauses and Provisions numbering

52.212-1

452.212-1

4A52.212-1





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Clauses and Provisions numbering - Source

52.212-1 “52” is FAR numbering

452.212-1 “452” is AGAR numbering

4A52.212-1 “4A52” is AMS numbering





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Clauses and Provisions numbering - Subject

52.212-1 “12” FAR Part 12, Commercial

452.212-1 Item Contracting

4A52.212-1

In the MSCP, like subjects are group together. When that number changes, it is a new subject.

E.g., “14” is Sealed Bidding





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Clauses and Provisions numbering - Subject

52.214-1

How do I know the subject?

- Correspond with FAR Parts
- FAR Parts are “in order” of the acquisition process





Master Solicitation

FAR – see <https://www.acquisition.gov/>

Click “Federal Acquisition Regulation”

Click “Table of Contents”

Part 1 FAR System

Part 2 Definitions...

Part 4 Administrative Matters

Part 5 Publicizing Actions...

Part 9 Contractor Qualifications...

Part 16 Contract Types...

Part 42 Administration...

Part 49 Terminations...

Part 52 Clauses & Provisions





Master Solicitation

FAR Commercial Item Contracts

- Fewer clauses & provisions (5 basic)
 - 52.212-1, 52.212-2, 52.212-3, 52.212-4, 52.212-5
- Clause 52.212-4 Closer to non-governmental contracts (UCC)
- Clause 52.212-5 Incorporates legally required clauses by reference
- Provision 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors
- Provision 52.212-2 Evaluation
- Provision 52.212-3 Certification and Representations





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- Clause 52.212-4 Contract terms & conditions (similar to UCC)
- Clause 52.212-5 Clauses to implement statutes & EO (by reference)
- **Provision 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors**
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- **Provision 52.212-3 Certification and Representations**

Provisions apply to solicitations &

“drop off”





Master Solicitation – Part II

FAR Commercial Item Contracts

- Clause 52.212-4 Contract terms & conditions
 - Standard paragraphs
 - & Addenda to paragraphs (e.g., many of our payment terms are stepped up from the standard prompt pay dates; changes clauses)

Let's Look!





Master Solicitation – Part II

FAR Commercial Item Contracts

- Additional clauses specific to, e.g.,
 - Sealed bidding
 - Invoicing requirements
 - USDA Foods specific: seals on conveyances, Advanced Shipping Notices

Let's Look!





Master Solicitation – Part II

FAR Commercial Item Contracts

- Clause 52.212-5 Clauses to implement statutes & EO
 - Contracting officer checks those that apply

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Master Solicitation – Part III

Part III – Exhibits, Specifications

****Note commodity specifications are incorporated by reference. Part III includes a link to AMS' website.**





Master Solicitation – Part IV

FAR Commercial Item Contracts

- Provision 52.212-1 Instructions to Offerors
 - Tailored to reflect the electronic bidding requirement (use of WBSCM)

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Master Solicitation – Part IV

FAR Commercial Item Contracts

- Provision 52.212-2 Evaluation
 - Notes FAR Part 14 requirement to consider only price, and price-related factors (e.g., transportation)

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Master Solicitation – Part IV

FAR Commercial Item Contracts

– Provision 52.212-3 Certification & Representations

- Notes incorporated in part only
- Use of SAM is required, so the only applicable portion of 52.212-3 is if there are changes to your SAM record

**Pay attention to your bid certification questions as there is a place in WBSCM to enter 52.212-3 updates





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 - Updated NAICS codes & associated size standards
 - Delivery appointment timeframes
 - Bill of Lading contents
 - Food defense plans

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- **When will the MSCP be updated?**
 - As applicable FAR updates are effective
It depends -- 2 times per year?
- **As AGAR or AMS updates are needed**
 - It depends – maybe annually?





Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements (MSCP)

- **How will the MSCP be updated?**
 - Published in PDF on website
 - No amendments – just a new PDF
 - Changes in bold
 - Pay attention to the effective date!





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- ✓ Master Solicitation for Commodity Procurements
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Vendor Qualification Requirements

- Single Vendor Qualification Requirements for AMS
- Incorporates Food Defense Plans
- Requires reaffirmation of financial responsibility approx. every 18 months

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