

# Fair Opportunity

## **Since SEWP Contracts are pre-competed, can I go directly to a single SEWP Contract Holder for all my needs?**

SEWP Contracts are pre-competed and therefore formal competition (including synopsis, formal RFPs, etc.) is not required. However, as with all multi-award contracts (including GSA), **Fair Opportunity** must be provided to all associated multi-award Contract Holders. The SEWP website contains information on [Fair Opportunity](#) requirements and the [SEWP Quote Request Tool](#) automatically prompts you with the set of Contract Holders for which Fair Opportunity should be provided. For more information, see [FAR 16.505 \(b\) \(1\)](#).

## **How does one satisfy Fair Opportunity / Competition Requirements when using a SEWP Contract?**

[FAR 16.505\(b\) \(1\)](#) provides that each contractor shall be given Fair Opportunity to be considered for each order exceeding \$3,000 and issued under multiple award contracts. At a minimum, to provide Fair Opportunity, all Contract Holders within any one of the four individual competed Groups must be provided Opportunity. For maximum competition, one, two, three or all four Groups can be selected. The [SEWP online Quote Request Tool](#) is the recommended method to assist in this activity and to augment the required decision documentation.

## **Only one company has the item I need on their SEWP Contract. Can I just directly award to them?**

While at a given moment, there may be only one company with a product solution you require on a SEWP Contract, Fair Opportunity is still required to all Contract Holders at least in the same Group as the suggested source. It is possible for other Contract Holders to add the product solution in time to provide a quote.

## **Do I need to obtain 3 quotes?**

No. Fair Opportunity, not the 'three quote' rule applies to the SEWP Contracts. You must provide Fair Opportunity to all Contract Holders within at least one of the four Contract Holder Groups. If after providing the Fair Opportunity (preferably using the [SEWP online Quote Request Tool](#)), only one company provides a quote, you may proceed with the award and order. Note that this is not a sole source since you provided Opportunity to the other Contract Holders.

It is recommended that if only one Contract Holder Group is queried and only one quote is obtained, the RFQ should be re-issued, including all four Contract Holder Groups in order to maximize competition.

## **Can I limit my RFQ to three suggested sources?**

No. At a minimum, Fair Opportunity to all Contract Holders in a suggested source's Group must be provided.