

Federal Property Management Regulations

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accountable officer who will be responsible for the requisition, storage, and issuance of the SF 97. Certificates showing erasures or strikeovers will be considered invalid. Proper precautions shall be exercised by all agency accountable officers to prevent blank copies of the SF 97 from being obtained by unauthorized persons.

(d) Delivery of motor vehicles to purchasers shall be evidenced by submission to the purchaser of a completed original of the SF 97. Two copies of the SF 97 shall be furnished to the owning agency (one copy for the reporting office and one copy for the custodian) and the other copy shall be furnished to the contracting officer of the agency effecting the sale or transfer of the motor vehicle. The SF 97 is illustrated at §101-45.4901-97. Other certificates of release or bills of sale shall not be used in lieu of the SF 97. Instructions for the use of the SF 97 are in §101-45.4901-97-1.

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§ 101-45.304 Sales methods and procedures.

§ 101-45.304-1 Competitive bid sales.

Except as provided in §101-45.304-2, property shall be sold by competitive bid sale after advertising, in accordance with this §101-45.304-1. Competitive bid sales include the following:

(a) *Sealed bid sales.* In sealed bid sales, bidders shall be required to submit, to the office designated for receipt and opening of bids, sealed written bids on authorized bid forms for public opening at a time and place designated.

(b) *Spot bid sales.* In spot bid sales, bidders shall be furnished with bid forms in advance of the bidding, a bid form to be used for each lot or unit to be separately sold. Requests for bids on items offered for sale shall be made by the official in charge. In requesting bids, the official in charge shall announce the item, its identification number, and a brief description of the item or lot. The right to reject all such bids for a lot or item shall be reserved in the terms of sale; and when the Invitation for Bids so specifies, lots or items for which all bids have been rejected may be reoffered at the same

sale in order to secure an acceptable bid price. After examining all bids, award shall be made or bids rejected immediately following the offering of the item or lot. The bids at spot bid sales shall not be disclosed prior to the announcement of award for any item or lot. Where mailed written or drop bids are permitted, they shall not be disclosed to the public prior to the announcement of award. Bidders may be required to register in advance of the sale. Any special condition of sale shall be set out in the Invitation for Bids in order to assure that all bidders are afforded an opportunity to compete on the same terms and conditions.

(c) *Auction sales.* When the terms and conditions of sale have been published and distributed to participating buyers, any special or unusual conditions of sale shall be announced by the person conducting the auction, immediately prior to commencement of the sale. Offerings must reserve in the Government, the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Lots for which all offers have been rejected may be reoffered later at the same sale to secure acceptable bids, when the published terms and conditions so provide.

§ 101-45.304-2 Negotiated sales and negotiated sales at fixed prices.

(a) *Circumstances permitting negotiated sales.* While it is the policy to sell property after publicly advertising for bids, property also may be sold by negotiation, subject to obtaining such competition as is feasible under the circumstances, where:

(1) It is determined by the agency that the sale involves property:

(i) That has an estimated fair market value not in excess of \$15,000;

(ii) Where public exigency will not admit of the delay incident to advertising;

(iii) Where bid prices after advertising therefor are not reasonable (either as to all or some part of the property), or bid prices have not been independently arrived at in open competition, and it is determined that re-advertising will serve no useful purpose: *Provided*, That all responsible bidders who responded to the previous advertising shall be afforded an opportunity to submit offers for the property; or