

Federal Property Management Regulations

§ 101-45.304-7

§ 101-45.304-3 [Reserved]

§ 101-45.304-4 Lotting.

To the extent practicable, and consistent with the types of property and usual commercial practice, property offered for sale shall be assembled in reasonably sized lots of like or similar items by make or manufacturer. Unused property shall be lotted separately from used items. Scrap and other property having scrap value only shall be lotted in accordance with established trade practice and shall generally not be included in the same sale with usable items. Determination of the size of lots shall take into consideration the buying capacities of prospective buyers and the requirement that adequate competition be obtained. Large quantities of identical items shall be lotted in such a way as to encourage bidding by small businesses and individuals.

§ 101-45.304-5 Inspection by bidders.

Sufficient time prior to the date for submission of bids shall be allowed to permit inspection by potential bidders. Such time should be a minimum of 7 or a maximum of 21 calendar days, depending upon the circumstances of the sale, the method of the sale, or the volume of property offered for sale. Whenever the inspection period is proposed to be less than 7 days, invitations for bids, flyers, or other announcements shall be distributed to prospective bidders sufficiently in advance of the inspection period.

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§ 101-45.304-6 Reviewing authority.

(a) A "reviewing authority" is a local, regional, or departmental board of review of an executive agency. Under subpart 101-45.9, reviewing authority also includes an applicable State board of review of a State agency for surplus property.

(b) Approval by reviewing authority of the agency effecting the sale shall be required for each proposed award when the contract value (actual or estimated fair market value) for property other than scrap exceeds the dollar thresholds listed below by method of sale:

(1) Negotiated sale of surplus property—\$15,000 or more;

(2) Negotiated sale at fixed price of surplus or exchange/sale property—\$25,000 or more; and

(3) Competitive bid sale—\$100,000 or more.

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§ 101-45.304-7 Advertising.

Adequate public notice shall be given to each offering for sale of property to be disposed of after advertising. Except where the nature or condition of the property does not permit, advertising shall be made in sufficient time previous to sale to permit full and free competition. The extent of solicitation shall have due regard to the quantity and type of property to be sold, the logical market of disposal, the type of sale contemplated, and the public interest.

(a) *Advertising media by type of sales—*

(1) *Sealed bid sales.* In the case of sealed bid sales, advertising shall be by the distribution of written invitations for bids including public posting thereof and may be supplemented by newspaper or trade journal advertising (ordered in accordance with existing law) where advisable.

(2) *Spot bid sales.* Advertising in the case of spot bid sales shall be by written invitation for bids or other appropriate notices, including public posting thereof. Notice of such sales may also be given by appropriate newspaper or trade journal advertising (ordered in accordance with existing law) where advisable.

(3) *Auction sales.* In the case of auction sales, newspaper or trade journal advertising ordinarily should be employed (ordered in accordance with existing law) in addition to other written notice deemed appropriate.

(b) *Advance sale notices to Department of Commerce.* In order that the Department of Commerce may publish regularly synopsis of principal proposed sales of Government personal property, the sales office shall, when the acquisition cost of the property to be sold at one time at one place is \$250,000 or more, forward a notice of each proposed sale to the U.S. Department of Commerce, room 1300, 433 West Van Buren Street, Chicago, IL 60607. Where the acquisition cost is less than this