

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

amount, the notice may be transmitted when considered desirable. The notice shall be sent as early as possible in advance of the sale but at least 20 days prior to the date when the bids will be opened, or, in the case of spot bid or auction sale, when the sale will be conducted. The notice shall be transmitted by fastest mail available and shall be in synopsis form suitable for printing directly from the text as transmitted without editing or condensing. Instructions for the preparation of advance sale notices, including form and content thereof are set forth in §101-45.4910. The failure to comply with the advance notice of sale requirements of this §101-45.304-7(b) shall not, in and of itself, affect the validity of a sales award which is otherwise valid.

(c) The appropriate GSA regional office shall be provided, at the time of public distribution, a copy of each invitation for bids or other form of offering involving contractor inventory, whether being sold by the contractor for the Government or by a Government activity authorized to conduct sales.

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§ 101-45.304-8 Forms prescribed.

Standard Forms 114, 114A, 114B, 114C, 114C-1, 114C-2, 114C-3, 114C-4, 114D, 114E, and 114F (illustrated at §§101-45.4901-114 through 101-45.4901-114F) shall be used, where appropriate, in sales of personal property except that Standard Form 114C is not applicable to those sales involving any strategic metals, minerals, and ores which have been determined surplus pursuant to the Act. These forms will be stocked by GSA as cut sheets only. Authority for the use of such forms in styles other than cut sheets may be granted when requests for such deviation are submitted in accordance with §101-26.302.

(a) Deviation. To ensure inclusion of appropriate terms, conditions, clauses, etc., in Government sales contracts, no deviation shall be made from the Standard Form 114 series, and no special conditions of sales shall be included that are inconsistent with the provisions contained therein, unless approval is obtained from the Commissioner, Federal Supply Service (F)

(mailing address: General Services Administration, Washington, DC 20406).

(b) *Cover sheet.* The development and use of a cover sheet will be at the option of the selling agencies. However, if a cover sheet is used, it should be developed so as to be uniform for and identified primarily with the selling agency and secondarily with the selling activities of such agency. The cover sheet should contain only the “what-where-when” types of information, such as the method of sale (i.e., sealed bid, spot bid, auction); sale (invitation for bids) number; general category(ies) of property being offered; identification of the selling activity; inspection period; and the bid opening time and date of the sale. Nothing of a binding nature either on the part of the bidder or the Government shall be included on this cover sheet.

(c) *Description of standard forms—(1) Standard Form 114, Sale of Government Property—Bid and Award.* (i) Standard Form 114, has spaces to be completed by the issuing sales activity and the bidder. Some of the information furnished by the issuing sales activity is as follows: Invitation for bids number; name and address of issuing sales activity; person to contact for sales information; address to which bids should be mailed; place, date, and time of bid opening; whether or not bid deposit is required; and the number of days for payment to be made and property to be removed. In addition, the form provides that the Standard Form 114C, General Sale Terms and Conditions, and the standard form of special conditions applicable to the method of sale being employed are made a part of the invitation for bids by reference. The block indicating the standard form of special conditions for the appropriate method of sale must be checked by the issuing sales agency. If special terms and conditions in addition to those contained in the prescribed standard forms are to be made a part of the invitation by reference, such additional terms and conditions should be identified by a form number and so indicated in the appropriate place on Standard Form 114. Special terms and conditions that are not identified by a form number must be included in the invitation and not made a part thereof