Who Knows the FAR?
Answer Key

FAR 8.405 Ordering Procedures for Federal Supply Schedules

1. When providing the brief explanation of the basis for the award decision to an unsuccessful quoter, you must provide:
   f. None of the above
   Citation: 8.405-2(d)
2. When soliciting BPA holders for orders over the SAT, you may rotate BPA orders to holders of the BPA as long as you have included this process in the BPA ordering guide.
   b. FALSE
   Citation: 8.405-3(c)(2)(i)(ii)
3. A single-award BPA shall not exceed:
   a. One year
   Citation: 8.405-3(d)(2)
4. The Contracting Officer must conduct the procurement as a set-aside if two or more small business MAS (multiple-award schedule) holders can perform the requirement.
   b. FALSE
   Citation: 8.405-5(a)(1)(i) & 8.405-5(a)(1)(ii)
5. You can ask for price reductions before placing an order or BPA, but these exchanges must be conducted as:
   d. None of the above
   Citation: 8.405-4

FAR 13 and 13.5 Simplified Acquisition Procedures

1. Contracting officers shall use ______ approaches, to the maximum extent practicable, in awarding contracts using simplified acquisition procedures.
   d. Innovative
   Citation: 13.003(b)(4)
2. Stating the relative importance of each factor in the solicitation is required.
   b. FALSE
   Citation: 13.106-1(a)(2)(iii)
3. A BPA established using FAR 13.5 procedures must not, by statute, exceed:
   d. None of the above
   Citation: 13.303-5(b)(1)
4. Formal evaluation plans, establishing a competitive range, and conducting discussions are not required.
   a. TRUE
   Citation: 13.106-2(b)(3)
5. When using FAR 13.5 procedures, the contract file must include:
   c. The number of offers received
   Citation: 13.501(b)

FAR 15.3 Contracting by Negotiation - Source Selection

1. The source selection authority shall approve the source selection ______ before solicitation release.
   b. Strategy
   Citation: 15.303(b)(2)
2. The rating method must be disclosed in the solicitation.
   b. FALSE
   Citation: FAR 15.304(d)
3. The solicitation shall state whether all evaluation factors, other than cost, when combined are:
   d. None of the above
   Citation: FAR 15.304(e)
4. Although any rating method may be used, the strengths, deficiencies, significant weaknesses, and risks shall be documented in the contract file.
   b. FALSE
   Citation: FAR 15.305(a)
5. The source selection decision shall include the rationale for any tradeoffs made by the source selection authority (SSA), and that documentation:
   c. Need not quantify the tradeoffs that led to the decision
   Citation: FAR 15.308

1. FAR 16.505 Ordering under Multiple-Award IDIQ Contracts

1. The contracting officer must synopsize orders under indefinite-delivery contracts.
   b. FALSE
   Citation: 16.505(a)(1)
2. The contracting officer should keep submission requirements to a ______.
   b. Minimum
   Citation: 16.505(b)(1)(ii)
3. It is permissible to ask for a subcontracting plan in response to a task order competition.
   b. FALSE
   Citation: 19.705-2(e) & 19.705-1(b)(2)
4. The policies in ______ do not apply to the ordering process.
   e. All of the above
   Citation: 16.505(b)(2)(F)
5. Formal evaluation plans are:
   c. Not required
   Citation: 16.505(b)(1)(ii) & 16.505(b)(1)(v)(B)

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