

Subchapter 3006.5 Advocates for Competition

3006.501 Requirement.

The Component is authorized to designate a Procuring Activity Advocate for Competition (PAAC) and, if applicable, an Alternate(s) Procuring Activity Advocate for Competition (APAAC) subject to APO Executive Director review and concurrence. Designation memoranda shall be forwarded to the Departmental Advocate for Competition through the Component HCA using the required template entitled “Designation Memorandum for Procuring Activity Advocate for Competition Template” located at Appendix F. When a Component has determined that it is necessary for the PAAC and APAAC(s) to be active at the same time, the designation memoranda shall identify the specific areas of responsibility for each (e.g., geographic region, operational division, approval thresholds, etc.). In order to qualify as a PAAC or APAAC, an individual must have a thorough knowledge of the Federal acquisition system; not be assigned any duties or responsibilities that are inconsistent with FAR 6.501; and have access to functional specialists in areas such as contracting, engineering, legal, security, and utilization of small business concerns, as may be necessary to effectively carry out his/her competition advocacy duties and responsibilities.

3006.502 Duties and responsibilities.

(b)(2) As a basis for the Departmental Advocate for Competition’s annual report to the CPO and Chief Acquisition Officer (CAO) in accordance with FAR 6.502(b)(2), each PAAC shall prepare and submit an annual Component Competition Report to the Departmental Advocate for Competition on or before December 20th of each year for the preceding fiscal year. The PAAC is responsible for obtaining input from the APAAC(s), as applicable, for inclusion in the Component Competition Report.

(b)(5) In the absence of the PAAC and APAAC, the duties and responsibilities identified in this subchapter shall be performed by the Component HCA or designee.

3006.570 Advocates for competition for the procuring activity.

A listing with point of contact information for the Department Advocate for Competition and each PAAC/APAAC(s) is maintained by the CPO on the Doing Business with DHS page, and is accessible at <https://www.dhs.gov/competition-advocates-and-task-order-and-delivery-order-ombudsman>.