AF Furnishings Commodity Council OFFICE SEATING PROGRAM BLANKET PURCHASE AGREEMENTS (BPAs)



Mandatory Use Ordering Guide

AF Office Seating BPAs

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1.0 Background

1.1 Introduction

Historically, the Air Force used a tactical approach to purchase office seating. This approach resulted in multiple decentralized processes and sourcing strategies that increased the overall cost of office seating and did not leverage overall agency buying power. On 22 March 2009, Deputy Assistant Secretary (Contracting) chartered the Air Force Furnishings Commodity Council (AF FCC) to establish an enterprise-wide furnishings acquisition strategy that would minimize duplication of effort, standardize procurement policy, and leverage purchasing power to reduce the total cost of goods. This resulted in a cost-effective strategic sourcing procurement that focused on total life-cycle costs.

The AF FCC, in partnership with a cross-functional team comprised of AF Interior Design Personnel, AMC Strategic Sourcing and Contracting Specialists, as well as Furniture Acquisition Specialists from the General Services Administration (GSA), standardized AF office seating requirements and competitively awarded 8 AF-Wide Blanket Purchase Agreements (BPAs) for the CONUS based AF enterprise (including Alaska and Hawaii). However, there are currently 5 active BPAs on the program following the cancellation of 3 BPAs. The North American Industry Classification Systems (NAICS) and PSC / FSC codes for this program are as follows:

337211 – Wood Office Furniture Manufacturing (*Specifically*: Wood Chairs)

337214 – Office Furniture (except wood) Manufacturing (*Specifically*: Non-Wood Chairs)

7110 – Product Supply Code (PSC) / Federal Supply Code (FSC) for Office Furniture / Seating

1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide AF customers guidance for ordering office seating using the following AF Office Seating BPAs established under GSA Multiple Award Schedule (MAS) 71. The BPA Numbers and Vendor information are as follows:

Teknion LLC

BPA No: FA4452-11-A-0009 Web: www.teknion.com Vendor Rep: Angie Hoffman Phone: (877) 835-6466

Email: Angie.Hoffman@teknion.com

Trade Products Corp.

BPA No: FA4452-11-A-0012 Web: www.tradeproductscorp.com Vendor Rep: Brent Neilson Phone: (703) 502-9000

Email: BNeilson@tradeproductscorp.com

The HON Company

BPA No: FA4452-11-A-0010

Web: www.hon.com

Vendor Rep: Christine McCormick

Phone: 1-800-466-8694

Email: contractmanager@honcompany.com

National Business Furniture BPA No: FA4452-11-A-0011

Web: www.nbf.com Vendor Rep: Jake Feeley

Phone: 1-888-252-5102 Ext. 4207

Email: jakef@nbf.com

Neutral Posture Inc.

BPA No: FA4452-11-A-0014 Web: www.neutralposture.com Vendor Rep: Paula Overall Phone: (979) 778-0502 Ext. 107 Email: POverall@neutralposture.com This guide outlines responsibilities of AF FCC personnel, AF Users (GPC holders and Local Contracting Offices), and AF Office Seating BPA vendors for placing orders against the BPAs. The current AF Office Seating BPAs are available on Electronic Document Access (EDA).

2.0 Scope

2.1 Mandatory Use

AF-Wide Office Seating BPAs are <u>Mandatory Use</u> for all AF CONUS bases and installations (including Alaska and Hawaii) per SAF/AQC Mandatory Use Policy Letter. Use of any other purchase/contract vehicle will require an AF FCC approved waiver. See section <u>2.6 Waiver Process</u> for guidance on submitting a waiver form.

2.2 Authorized Users

Use of the established BPAs is restricted to AF office seating acquisitions, or office seating acquisitions utilizing AF funds. Contracting Officers (COs) or Government Purchase Card (GPC) holders buying AF office seating are authorized to use these BPAs. Other federal service departments and agencies are not authorized to use these BPAs unless they have a joint base agreement with the Air Force.

2.3 Ordering Periods

The Office Seating BPAs will expire on 30 June 2017, or upon expiration of the vendor's GSA Federal Supply Schedule (FSS) 71 contract against which the BPA is written, unless extended. The BPA period of performance (POP) is as follows:

•	Base Year	June 30, 2011 – June 29, 2012
•	Ordering Period 1	June 30, 2012 – June 29, 2013
•	Ordering Period 2	June 30, 2013 – June 29, 2014
•	Ordering Period 3	June 30, 2014 – June 29, 2015
•	Ordering Period 4	June 30, 2015 – June 29, 2016
•	Ordering Period 5	June 30, 2016 – June 30, 2017

2.4 AF FCC Points of Contact

The PCO is the only person authorized to modify the Office Seating BPAs. This authority remains solely with the following AF FCC Contracting Officer:

Mr. Bart Kenney
Contracting Officer
Air Force Installations Contracting Agency (AFICA)
771 ESS/EGC
(937) 257-0815
DSN 787-0815
bart.kenney@us.af.mil

While Mr. Bart Kenney is the Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO) on this program, please direct all Office Seating questions to the following contract administrator:

Ms. Angela Hampton
Contract Administrator
Air Force Installations Contracting Agency (AFICA)
771 ESS/EGC
(937) 257-3868
DSN 787-3868
angela.hampton.1@us.af.mil

The Strategic Sourcing Commodities Flight Chief for the Office Seating Program is:

Mr. Rick Bigler
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Air Force Installations Contracting Agency (AFICA)
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Wright-Patterson AFB OH 45433
(937) 904-1277
DSN 787-1277
richard.bigler@us.af.mil

2.5 Effective Use of Manufacturer Warranties

For AF Users planning to replace existing office seating, first check on any/all manufacturer warranties associated with the current inventory of office seating. This will ensure all available warranties have been exhausted prior to committing to a new purchase. Refer to the original purchase vehicle of the office seating for warranty details.

2.6 Waiver Process

A waiver may be approved permitting an AF User to purchase office seating within or outside the program, under the following conditions:

- 1. Where the office seating item(s) is/are available through one of the BPA vendors only
- 2. Where the office seating item(s) is/are not listed in the BPA vendor catalogs
- 3. Where the office seating item(s) is/are specialized in nature (e.g. medical or laboratory need)
- 4. Where there is need to match existing inventory (see 4.3 below concerning match existing)
- 5. Where there is enough evidence to support significant cost savings to the Government, for purchase of comparable items outside of the BPAs
- 6. Other situations that cannot be supported using the normal process outlined for the program (e.g. use of customer-owned materials COM, etc.)

To request a waiver, complete the AF Waiver Request Form, and submit it electronically to <u>AFICA.Office.Seating@us.af.mil.</u> Attach any supporting documentation that justifies the submission of the waiver. You should receive a waiver determination within 1-3 business days. If your request for a waiver is approved, place it in the file for your records.

2.7 Shipping Information

The AF Office Seating BPAs contain both FOB Origin as well as FOB Destination items. To ensure the correct terms of delivery, carefully review each vendor's catalog and quotes before placing your order.

2.8 Administration Fee

Although the current AF Office Seating BPAs do not exclude administration fees by the vendors for orders placed against the established BPAs, such fees are negotiable if they are included on your quote. The AF User should employ sound business judgment to protect the best interest of the Government.

2.9 Training Assistance

Go to www.gsa.gov/csds to find your GSA Federal Acquisition Service (FAS) Representative for training and/or general assistance.

3.0 AF-Wide Office Seating Decentralized Ordering Process Steps

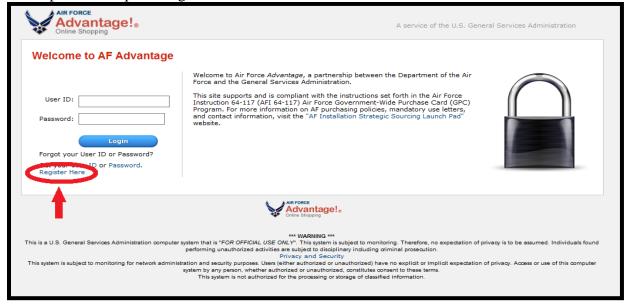
The AF Office Seating Decentralized Ordering Process encompasses all activities required to successfully order office seating, and complies with mandatory requirements of FAR 8.405-3 (c) (2) for ordering from Multiple-Award BPAs. Table 1 below provides an overview of the ordering process and identifies responsibilities. Process steps are illustrated in greater detail after the overview. See detailed steps following the table below.

3.1 Ordering Process Steps

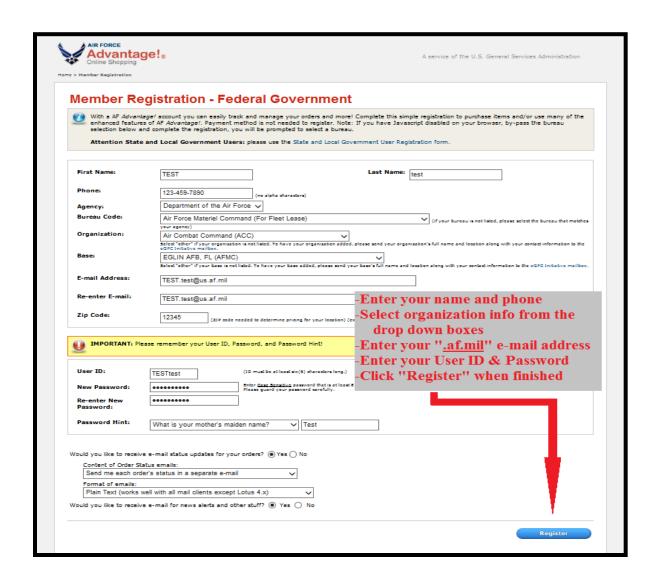
Table 1: AF-Wide Office Seating Decentralized Ordering Process Steps

	AF Office Seating		
	Decentralized Ordering Process		
1	Register on AF Advantage website: www.afadvantage.gov	Customer	
2	Review AF Office Seating Mandatory Use Policy Letter on AF Advantage	Customer	
3	Complete Independent Government Cost Estimate (IGCE) & Request for Quote (RFQ). Please utilize the BPA vendor catalogs ONLY to develop the IGCE, and to ensure item descriptions and line item numbers are referenced consistently in the IGCE, RFQ, and subsequent award document.	Customer	
	If you require more detail, or need to include other specifics from the vendors in response to your RFQ (such as SOW etc.), please attach a separate document to your RFQ in AFAdvantage.		

Step 1: If you do not already have AF Advantage account, visit http://www.afadvantage.gov and complete the required registration.



Step 2: Register as a Department of the Air Force user (*see "Agency" box in the picture below*). You will receive a confirmation e-mail from AF Advantage to complete the registration process.



For GPC purchases, continue below in Section 3.2 For non-GPC purchases, skip ahead to Section 3.3

3.2 Process steps for GPC Purchases

Table 2: AF-Wide Office Seating Decentralized Ordering Process Steps: GPC Users

AF Office Seating Decentralized Ordering Process: GPC Users

Steps	Description	_	
Steps 1	Complete required fields within the RFQ on GSA e-Buy and select 'Continue.' Receive quotes and then review to ensure compliance with BPA Specifications/Statement of Work (SOW). Award to the lowest price technically acceptable (LPTA) quote. IAW FAR 8.405-3(c)(2), the ordering activity may place orders at or below the commercial micro-purchase threshold (i.e., \$3,500) directly with any BPA holder that can meet the agency needs. Although not required to solicit from a specific number of schedule contractors, ordering activities should attempt to distribute orders amongst the current BPA holders. The AF Office Seating program highly encourages users to submit RFQ to all vendors for better competitive pricing, regardless of the dollar value of the acquisition. If an individual order is for \$3,501 to \$25,000, the GPC holder shall compete the order amongst all of the current BPA holders, and choose the lowest-priced Offeror (or best value, if other factors are considered). Orders above \$25,000 shall be handled through the local contracting office (See Section 3.3 below for details).	Completed By	Screenshots (see below) Seating 1 — Seating 10
1	Orders above \$25,000 shall be handled through the local contracting office (See Section 3.3 below for details). NOTE: Ensure item descriptions and line item numbers are referenced consistently in the RFQ and subsequent award document. Additionally, please make sure that line items are the same as listed in the vendor's online BPA catalogs. If you reference a specific manufacturer, include a brand name justification. Without a justification, there will be no guarantee that you will receive items from a specific manufacturer. If you want orders to be delivered and installed at the final delivery destination, then specify the details on your RFQ so the vendors can price this accordingly. Otherwise, the awarded vendor will drop orders off at a supply dock near the delivery site, and it will be the customer's responsibility to transport these items to the final delivery destination.	Customer	
	IMPORTANT: The Government Purchase Card (credit card) is the only method of payment accepted for orders placed through the e-Buy system. Buyers need to complete the RFQ process		

	through e-Buy, and follow local processes and procedures for creating purchase orders by using their own internal systems (e.g.PD2).		
2	The vendor receiving the BPA Call is to perform IAW terms and conditions of the BPA and the BPA Call. The vendor can accept payment directly from the cardholder.	Vendor	N/A
3	The customer receives delivery, and performs acceptance inspection of seating products. If there are no issues, then the purchase is complete. If there are issues, please contact the vendor.	Customer	N/A

^{*}Refer to Screenshot <u>Seating 10</u> for assistance with any issues or questions.

3.3 Process Steps for Non-GPC Purchases

Table 3: AF-Wide Office Seating Decentralized Ordering Process Steps: Non-GPC Users

AF Office Seating Decentralized Ordering Process: Non-GPC

Steps	Description	Completed By	Screenshots (see below)
1	Complete required fields within the RFQ on GSA e-Buy and select Continue.	Customer	Seating 1 – Seating 8
2	Submit RFQ, IGCE, and Purchase Request (PR) to Resource Advisor for funding.	Customer	N/A
3	Receive RA's certification that funding is available.	Customer	N/A
4	Forward completed RFQ and acquisition package (i.e., RFQ, IGCE, SOW and PR) to local Contracting Office. NOTE: To ensure all vendors are quoting identical products and services, the SOW should include product specs, delivery instructions, and any other detailed instructions. Be aware that GSA e-Buy and PD2 are not linked (if a manual AF Form 9 needs to be entered in PD2).	Customer	Seating 7 – Seating 8
5	Submit the RFQ to all vendors via GSA e-Buy; modify prior to submission, if applicable. Ensure Item Descriptions and Air Force Line Item Numbers are referenced consistently in the RFQ and subsequent award document. Air Force Line Item Numbers must be the same as listed in the vendor's online BPA catalogs. If you reference a specific manufacturer, a brand name justification is required. Without a justification, there will be no guarantee that you will receive items from a specific manufacturer. NOTE: If you want orders to be delivered and installed at the final delivery destination, then specify the details on your RFQ so the vendors can price this accordingly. Otherwise, the awarded vendor will drop orders off at a supply dock near the delivery site, and it will be the customer's responsibility to transport these items to the final delivery destination.	Local CONS	Seating 7 – Seating 8
6	Vendor(s) will respond to the RFQ and submit quote(s) to the local Contracting Office.	Vendor	N/A
7	Receive/evaluate quotes; make an award to the LPTA (or best value if other factors are considered) using local contracting software (e.g. PD2) and GSA e-Buy. NOTE: The Government Purchase Card (credit card) is the only method of payment accepted for orders placed through the e-Buy system. Buyers need to complete the RFQ process through e-Buy, and follow local processes and procedures for creating purchase	Local CONS	Seating 9

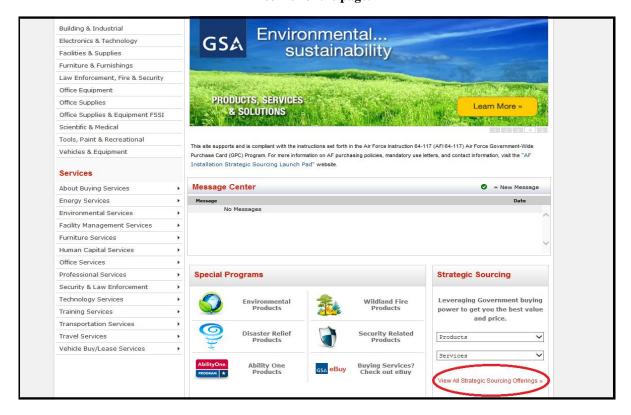
	orders by using their own internal systems (e.g.PD2).		
8	The vendor receiving the BPA Call is to perform IAW terms and conditions of the BPA and BPA Call. Submit the invoice in WAWF. The AF FCC must be included as an Additional Notification in WAWF. Email address is AFICA.Office.Seating@us.af.mil .	Vendor	N/A
9	After delivery/acceptance of seating products, the customer accepts the invoice in WAWF.	Customer	N/A

^{*}Refer to Screenshot Seating 10 for assistance with any issues or questions.

3.4 Ordering Process Screenshots

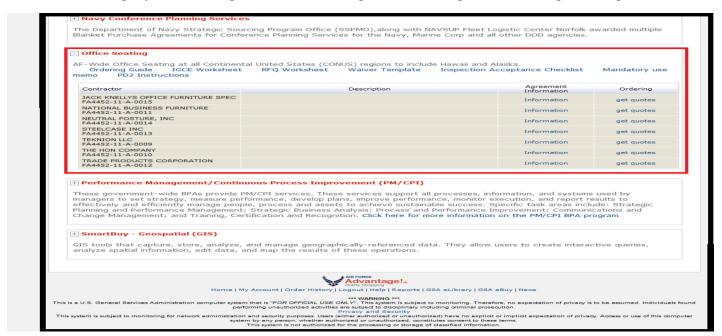
Seating 1

Once logged into http://www.afadvantage.gov, click on "View All Strategic Sourcing Offerings" on the lower right hand corner of the page.



Seating 2

Scroll down to, and then select "Office Seating" to view all the BPA vendors and relevant documents. You can select "Office Seating" by either clicking on the "Office Seating" link, or clicking on the "+" to expand the options.



Seating 3

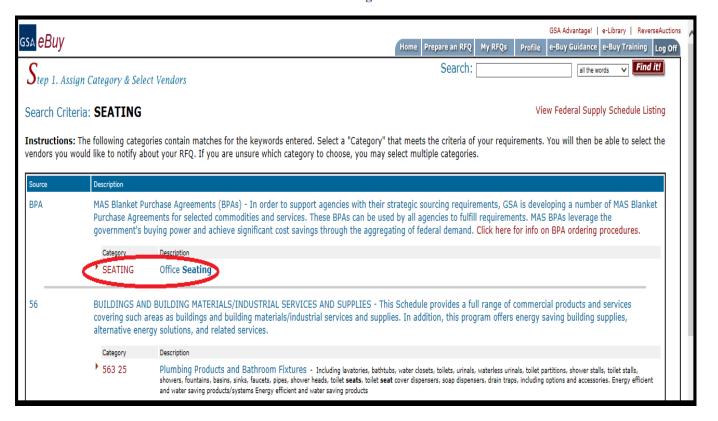


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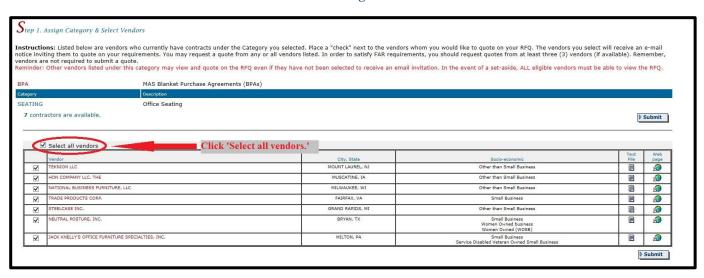
Click on any one of the "get quotes" links to begin the RFQ process.

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Contractor	Description	Agreement Information	Ordering
JACK KNELLYS OFFICE FURNITURE SPEC FA4452-11-A-0015		Information	get quotes
NATIONAL BUSINESS FURNITURE FA4452-11-A-0011		Information	get quotes
NEUTRAL POSTURE, INC FA4452-11-A-0014		Information	get quotes
STEELCASE INC FA4452-11-A-0013		Information	get quotes
TEKNION LLC FA4452-11-A-0009		Information	get quotes
THE HON COMPANY FA4452-11-A-0010		Information	get quotes
TRADE PRODUCTS CORPORATION FA4452-11-A-0012		Information	get quotes

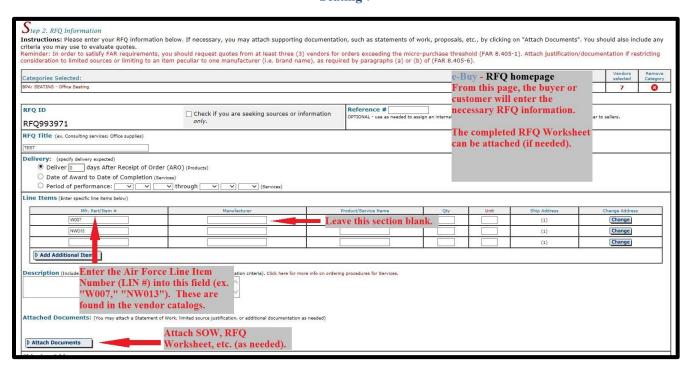
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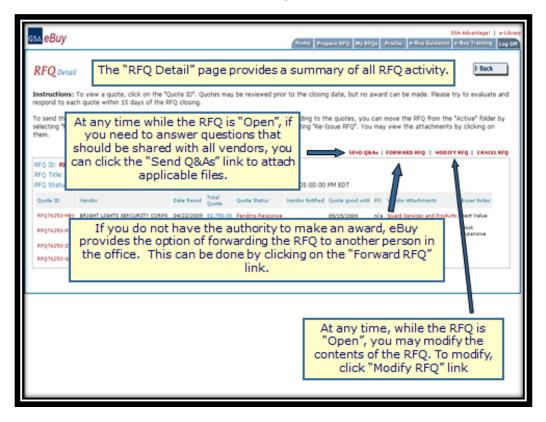
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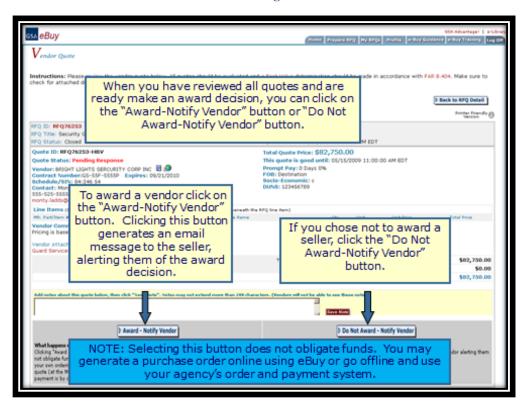
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Seating 9



Seating 10



4.0 General Information

4.1 Procurement Desktop 2 (PD2) Instructions

Screen shots are provided in the Procurement Desktop 2 (PD2) Instructions (Attachment 4) to assist in releasing Decentralized BPA Calls.

4.2 Fair Opportunity

As required by FAR 8.402(d)(1)(i), all BPA requests for quotes must be posted on the GSA "eBuy" website (www.afadvantage.gov) to provide fair notice to all contractors. However, if the order is below the commercial items micro-purchase threshold, you may directly contact the BPA vendors of your choice for quote. In this case, reference the vendor's BPA number and corresponding line item number (s) in the correspondence.

4.3 Match Existing Furniture with AF-Wide BPA Holder

A BPA waiver submitted to "match existing" furniture may be authorized IAW FAR 8.405-6; however, a waiver will not be approved if replacing a whole building, office, or room. Match existing seating waiver requests will be reviewed on a case by case basis.

4.4 FAR Compliance

FAR Part 8 takes precedence since the BPAs are issued against the GSA FSS. According to FAR 8.404(a), excluding 13.303-2(c) (3), FAR Part 13 (Simplified Acquisition Procedures); Part 14 (Sealed Bidding); Part 15 (Contracting by Negotiation); and Part 19 (Small Business Programs) do not apply. Pursuant to FAR 8.404(a), when placing orders under Federal Supply Contracts, most ordering activities shall not seek competition outside of the Federal Supply Schedules or synopsize the requirement (*but see* exceptions in FAR 8.404(g)).

According to a recent deviation issued for FAR 8.404(d), ordering activities are required to make a separate determination of fair and reasonable pricing. Although the GSA has determined the prices of supplies to be fair and reasonable for the purpose of establishing the schedule contract, that determination does not relieve the ordering activity contracting officer from the responsibility of making a determination of fair and reasonable pricing for individual orders, and orders under BPAs, using the proposal analysis techniques at 15.404-1. When determining the best value, under FAR 8.405-3(a)(2), the ordering activity may consider, among other factors, the following: past performance, special features of the supply or service required for effective program performance, trade-in considerations, probably life of the item selected as compared with that of a comparable item, availability, environmental and energy efficiency considerations, maintenance warranty considerations, and delivery terms. Furthermore, COs are required to maximize competition in situations where only one offer is received for acquisitions above the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (SAT) in accordance with the 27 Apr 11 DPAP Improving Competition in Defense Procurements memo.

4.5 Contract Performance Assessment Report (CPAR)

The AF FCC is the assessing official and will prepare an annual CPAR. The decentralized ordering office shall monitor performance of the BPA Order IAW FAR and local policy. Annual performance should be communicated to the AF FCC via email, AFICA.Office.Seating@us.af.mil. The AF FCC is responsible for overall assessment of the viability of the sourcing strategy as well as documenting the past performance of the associated BPA vendors.

4.6 Administration of Orders (Order Closeout)

Unless otherwise noted, closeout and maintenance of orders shall remain the responsibility of the decentralized ordering office. The BPA vendor shall work in partnership with the Government to ensure closeout is timely.

4.7 AFICA Launchpad and AF Office Seating Program Website

Visit the AF Office Seating Program website for program information and documents. https://cs.eis.af.mil/sites/10074/afcc/afica/AFFCC/SiteCollectionDocuments/Seating/Seating.aspx

Visit the AFICA Launchpad for more information on the other strategic sourcing programs. https://cs.eis.af.mil/sites/10074/afcc/afica/sslp/sslp.aspx

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. Waiver Request Template
- 2. IGCE Worksheet
- 3. RFQ Worksheet
- 4. Procurement Desktop 2 (PD2) Instructions