

# 5601.170 Peer Reviews.

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(a) *DPC peer reviews.* DPC peer reviews are required on all non-competitive acquisitions over \$1 billion. DPC peer reviews are required on competitive acquisitions over \$1 billion only for major defense acquisition programs for which the USD(A&S) is the milestone decision authority or USD(A&S) special interest programs. DPC may still conduct peer reviews for competitive procurements above \$1 billion upon request. Internal reviews should be completed prior to DPC peer review. Peer reviews are addressed in [DFARS 201.170](#).

(b) DoD independent management reviews of contracts for services IAW section 808 of NDAA for FY08 are still required. Follow procedures for periodic independent management reviews of contracts for services consistent with section 808.

(c) *DPC Peer Reviews* leverage existing reviews; the following 5601-1 reviews serve as the DPC peer review phases. A list of required documents and elements to be addressed are found in [PGI 201.170-4](#). Additionally, a peer review checklist is also found in [PGI 201.170-4](#). As a minimum, the Chief, cognizant LNO, and acquisition legal advisor will serve as reviewers for noncompetitive actions. As a minimum, the Chief, cognizant LNO, acquisition legal counsel, SSAC-Chair (if required), and SSA will serve as reviewers for competitive actions.

## **DPC PREAWARD PEER REVIEWS - COMPETITIVE ACQUISITIONS OF MAJOR DEFENSE ACQUISITION PROGRAMS WITH USD(A&S) AS MILESTONE DECISION AUTHORITY AND USD(A&S) SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM**

| <b>DFARS</b>                                                            | <b>5601-1 Equivalent</b>                              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Phase 1 - Prior to issuance of the solicitation                         | Requests for Proposals                                |
| Phase 2 - Prior to request for final proposal revisions (if applicable) | Requests for Final Proposal Revisions (if applicable) |
| Phase 3 - Prior to award                                                | Contract Clearance                                    |

## **DPC PREAWARD PEER REVIEWS - NONCOMPETITIVE ACQUISITIONS**

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|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| Phase 1 - Prior to negotiations | Business Clearance |
| Phase 2 - Prior to award        | Contract Clearance |

## **DPC POSTAWARD PEER REVIEWS - SERVICES ONLY**

Base 1-year or less

Post Award Peer Reviews – prior to exercise  
of each option period

(d) *Component peer reviews.* Pre-award peer reviews for competitive solicitations valued at less than \$1B and non-competitive solicitations valued at less than \$500M must be accomplished by complying with the RFP, Business, and Contract Clearances requirements defined in [SOFARS 5615.001](#) at the thresholds outlined in 5601-1.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 5601.1 - PURPOSE, AUTHORITY ISSUANCE](#)