

5.503 Procedures.

(a) General.

(1) Orders for paid *advertisements* may be placed directly with the media or through an advertising agency. *Contracting officers shall* give small, small disadvantaged, women-owned, veteran-owned, *HUBZone*, and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns maximum opportunity to participate in these *acquisitions*.

(2) The *contracting officer shall* use the [SF 1449](#) for paper *solicitations*. The [SF 1449](#) shall be used to make awards or place orders unless the award/order is made by using *electronic commerce* or by using the Governmentwide commercial purchase card for micropurchases.

(b) *Rates. Advertisements may* be paid for at rates not over the commercial rates charged private individuals, with the usual discounts ([44 U.S.C. 3703](#)).

(c) *Proof of advertising.* Every *invoice* for advertising *shall* be accompanied by a copy of the *advertisement* or an affidavit of *publication* furnished by the publisher, radio or television station, or advertising agency concerned ([44 U.S.C. 3703](#)). Paying offices *shall* retain the proof of advertising until the Government Accountability Office settles the paying office's account.

(d) *Payment.* Upon receipt of an *invoice* supported by proof of advertising, the *contracting officer shall* attach a copy of the written authority (see [5.502\(a\)](#)) and submit the *invoice* for payment under agency procedures.

Parent topic: [Subpart 5.5 - Paid Advertisements](#)