

12.602 Streamlined evaluation of offers.

(a) When evaluation factors are used, the *contracting officer* may insert a provision substantially the same as the provision at [52.212-2](#), *Evaluation-Commercial Products and Commercial Services*, in *solicitations* for *commercial products* or *commercial services* or comply with the procedures in [13.106](#) if the *acquisition* is being made using *simplified acquisition procedures*. When the provision at [52.212-2](#) is used, paragraph (a) of the provision *shall* be tailored to the specific *acquisition* to describe the evaluation factors and relative importance of those factors. However, when using the *simplified acquisition procedures* in [part 13](#), *contracting officers* are not required to describe the relative importance of evaluation factors.

(b) *Offers shall* be evaluated in accordance with the criteria contained in the *solicitation*. For many *commercial products* or *commercial services*, the criteria need not be more detailed than technical (capability of the item offered to meet the agency need), price, and *past performance*. Technical capability *may* be evaluated by how well the proposed *products* or *services* meet the Government requirement instead of predetermined subfactors. *Solicitations* for *commercial products* or *commercial services* do not have to contain subfactors for technical capability when the *solicitation* adequately describes the intended use of the *commercial product* or *commercial service*. A technical evaluation would normally include examination of such things as product or service literature, product samples (if requested), technical features, and *warranty* provisions. *Past performance shall* be evaluated in accordance with the procedures in section [13.106](#) or [subpart 15.3](#), as applicable. The *contracting officer shall* ensure the instructions provided in the provision at [52.212-1](#), *Instructions to Offerors—Commercial Products and Commercial Services*, and the evaluation criteria provided in the provision at [52.212-2](#), *Evaluation—Commercial Products and Commercial Services*, are in agreement.

(c) Select the *offer* that is most advantageous to the Government based on the factors contained in the *solicitation*. Fully document the rationale for selection of the successful *offeror* including discussion of any trade-offs considered.

Parent topic: [Subpart 12.6 - Streamlined Procedures for Evaluation and Solicitation for Commercial Products and Commercial Services](#)