

14.211 Release of acquisition information.

(a) *Before solicitation.* Information concerning proposed *acquisitions shall* not be released outside the Government before *solicitation* except for presolicitation notices in accordance with [14.205](#) or [36.213-2](#), or long-range *acquisition* estimates in accordance with [5.404](#), or synopses in accordance with [5.201](#). Within the Government, such information *shall* be restricted to those having a legitimate interest. Releases of information *shall* be made (1) to all prospective bidders, and (2) as nearly as possible at the same time, so that one prospective bidder *shall* not be given unfair advantage over another. See [3.104](#) regarding requirements for proprietary and *source selection information* including access to and disclosure thereof.

(b) *After solicitation.* Discussions with prospective bidders regarding a *solicitation shall* be conducted and technical or other information *shall* be transmitted only by the *contracting officer* or superiors having contractual authority or by others specifically authorized. Such personnel *shall* not furnish any information to a prospective bidder that alone or together with other information *may* afford an advantage over others. However, general information that would not be prejudicial to other prospective bidders *may* be furnished upon request; *e.g.*, explanation of a particular *contract clause* or a particular condition of the schedule in the invitation for bids, and more specific information or clarifications *may* be furnished by amending the *solicitation* (see [14.208](#)).

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