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## 17.206 Evaluation.

(a) In awarding the basic contract, the *contracting officer shall*, except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, evaluate *offers* for any *option* quantities or periods contained in a *solicitation* when it has been determined prior to soliciting *offers* that the Government is likely to exercise the *options*. (See [17.208](#).)

(b) The *contracting officer* need not evaluate *offers* for any *option* quantities when it is determined that evaluation would not be in the best interests of the Government and this determination is approved at a level above the *contracting officer*. An example of a circumstance that *may* support a determination not to evaluate *offers* for *option* quantities is when there is a reasonable certainty that funds will be unavailable to permit exercise of the *option*.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 17.2 - Options](#)