

19.503 Reserves.

(a) In accordance with section 1331 of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010 ([15 U.S.C. 644\(r\)\(3\)](#)) and [13 CFR 125.2\(e\)\(4\)](#), *contracting officers may*, at their discretion when conducting multiple-award procurements using *full and open competition*, reserve one or more contract awards for any of the small business concerns identified in [19.000\(a\)\(3\)](#), when *market research* indicates—

(1) A total set-aside is not feasible because there is no reasonable expectation of receiving *offers* that are competitive in terms of *fair market prices*, quality, and delivery from at least two responsible small business concerns identified in [19.000\(a\)\(3\)](#), that can perform the entire requirement; and

(2) A partial set-aside is not feasible because—

(i) The *contracting officer* is unable to divide the requirement into distinct portions; or

(ii) There is no reasonable expectation that at least two responsible small business concerns identified in [19.000\(a\)\(3\)](#) can perform any portion of the requirement competitively in terms of *fair market price*, quality, and delivery.

(b) A reserve will result in one of the following:

(1) One or more contract awards to any one or more types of small business concerns identified in [19.000\(a\)\(3\)](#).

(2) In the case of a *solicitation* of a bundled requirement that will result in a *multiple-award contract*, an award to one or more small businesses with a *Small Business Teaming Arrangement*.

(c) The specific program eligibility requirements identified in this part apply.

(d) The limitations on subcontracting and the nonmanufacturer rule (see [19.505](#)) do not apply to reserves at the contract level, but *shall* apply to orders that are set aside or issued directly to one small business concern under [19.504\(c\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#).

Parent topic: [Subpart 19.5 - Small Business Total Set-Asides, Partial Set-Asides, and Reserves](#)