

## 34.005-1 Competition.

(a) The program manager *shall*, throughout the *acquisition* process, promote *full and open competition* and sustain *effective competition* between alternative *major system* concepts and sources, as long as it is economically beneficial and practicable to do so. Notice of the proposed *acquisition shall* be given the broadest and most effective circulation practicable throughout the business, academic, and Government communities. Foreign contractors, technology, and equipment *may* be considered when it is feasible and permissible to do so.

(b) The *contracting officer should* time *solicitation* issuance and contract award to maintain continuity of concept development during the transition from with-drawing concept proposer to new contractor.

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