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# **Subpart 5615.5 - PREAWARD, AWARD, AND POSTAWARD NOTIFICATIONS, PROTESTS, AND MISTAKES**

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**Parent topic:** [Part 5615 - CONTRACTING BY NEGOTIATION](#)

## **5615.503 Notifications to Unsuccessful Offerors.**

*(Added February 2014)*

(a) Preaward notices.

(2) Preaward notices for small business programs.

(iii) Even though FAR 15.503(a)(2)(iii) does not require a preaward notice when the contract is entered into under the 8(a) program, USSOCOM contracting officers are required to send preaward notices to all unsuccessful offerors for competitive 8(a) procurements.

## **5615.505 Preaward Debriefing of Offerors.**

(j) When providing debriefing material to offerors, electronic media may be provided only if the documents have been converted to an Adobe Acrobat .pdf file and the file has been password protected using Adobe Acrobat version 9 or higher. If the electronic media cannot be converted to .pdf and protected, the hardcopy debriefing material is to be provided via fax after notifying the vendor that a fax is being sent.

## **5615.506 Postaward Debriefing of Offerors.**

(i) Follow the guidelines in 5615.505 Preaward Debriefing to Offerors.