

# 1319.602-1 Referral.

When the contracting officer determines that the successful small business offeror lacks certain elements of responsibility, the contracting officer will withhold award and refer the matter to the cognizant Small Business Administration Government Contracting Area Office. A copy of the referral shall be provided to the Director of the OSDBU.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 1319.6 - Certificates of Competency and Determination of Responsibility](#)