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## **719.271-5 Contracting officer's representatives.**

Since the procurement process starts with the establishment of a requirement, the actions of the Contracting officer's representatives can affect the opportunity of small business to participate equitably; therefore, each contracting officer's representative shall, during the formulation of activities which will require contractual implementation:

- (a) Consult with OSDBU on the availability and capabilities of small business firms to permit making a tentative set-aside determination where appropriate; and
- (b) Provide sufficient procurement lead time in the activity implementation schedule to allow potential small business participation.

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