

# 15.403-5 Instructions for submission of certified cost or pricing data and data other than certified cost or pricing data.

(a) Taking into consideration the policy at 15.402, the *contracting officer shall* specify in the *solicitation* (see 15.408(l) and (m))-

(1) Whether *certified cost or pricing data* are required;

(2) That, in lieu of submitting *certified cost or pricing data*, the *offeror may* submit a request for exception from the requirement to submit *certified cost or pricing data*;

(3) Any requirement for *data other than certified cost or pricing data*; and

(4) The requirement for necessary preaward or postaward access to *offeror's* records.

(b)

(1) *Format for submission of certified cost or pricing data.* When certification is required, the *contracting officer may* require submission of *certified cost or pricing data* in the format indicated in Table 15-2 of 15.408, specify an alternative format, or permit submission in the contractor's format (See 15.408(l)(1)), unless the data are required to be submitted on one of the termination forms specified in subpart 49.6.

(2) *Format for submission of data other than certified cost or pricing data.* When required by the *contracting officer*, data other than *certified cost or pricing data may* be submitted in the *offeror's* own format unless the *contracting officer* decides that use of a specific format is essential for evaluating and determining that the *price* is fair and reasonable and the format has been described in the *solicitation*.

(3) *Format for submission of data supporting forward pricing rate agreements.* Data supporting *forward pricing rate agreements* or final indirect cost proposals *shall* be submitted in a form acceptable to the *contracting officer*.

**Parent topic:** 15.403 Obtaining certified cost or pricing data.