Commerce Business Daily (CBD) (see section 5.201); and

(2) For proposed contract actions expected to exceed \$10,000 (\$5,000 for Defense activities), but not expected to exceed \$25,000, by displaying in a public place at the contracting office issuing the solicitation, an unclassified notice of the solicitation or a copy of the solicitation satisfying the requirements of 5.207(c) and (f). The notice shall include a statement that all responsible sources may submit a quotation which, if timely received, shall be considered by the agency. Such information shall be posted not later than the date the solicitation is issued and remain posted for at least 10 days or until after quotations have been opened, whichever is later.

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(ii) The contracting officer need not comply with the display requirements set forth above when the exemptions at 5.202(a)(1), (5) through (9) or (11) apply, or when oral solicitations are used. The exemption from display requirements does not relieve the contracting officer from the responsibility to consider all quotations timely received from responsible sources.

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15. Section 5.202 is amended by adding paragraph (a)(13) to read as follows:

5.202 Exceptions.

13. The contract action is for an amount at or below \$250,000 and is made through certified FACNET after Governmentwide FACNET has been certified. This exception does not apply when the contract action is not made through certified FACNET. (see Subpart 4.5)

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16. Section 5.203 is amended by redesignating paragraphs (b) through (f) as (c) through (g), adding a new paragraph (b) and and revising newly designated (c), (d), and (e) to read as follows:

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5.203 Publicizing and response time.

(b) The contracting officer shall establish a solicitation response time which will afford potential offerors a reasonable opportunity to respond for each contract action, including actions via FACNET, in an amount estimated to be greater than \$25,000, but not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold. The contracting officer should consider the circumstances of the individual procurement such as the complexity, commerciality (see Part 12), availability, and urgency when establishing the solicitation response time.

(c) Agencies shall allow at least a 30 day response time for receipt of bids or proposals from the date of issuance of a solicitation if the contract action is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(d) Agencies shall allow at least a 30 day response time from the date of publication of a proper notice of intent to contract for architect-engineer services or before issuance of an order under a basic ordering agreement or similar arrangement if the contract action is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

(e) Agencies shall allow at least a 45 day response time for receipt of bids or proposals from the date of publication of the notice required in 5.201 for contract actions categorized as research and development if the contract action is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold.

17. Section 5.205 is amended by revising paragraph (d)(1) to read as follows:

5.205 Special situations.

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(d) * * *

(1) Except when exempted by 5.202, synopsize each proposed contract action for which the total fee (including phases and options) is expected to exceed \$25,000. Reference shall be made to the appropriate CBD Numbered Note.

18. Section 5.207 is amended by redesignating paragraphs (c)(2)(xi)through (c)(2)(xv) as (c)(2)(xi) through (c)(2)(xvi), adding new paragraph (c)(2)(xi), and revising newly redesignated (c)(2)(xiv) to read as follows:

5.207 Preparation and transmittal of synopses.

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- (c) * * *
- (2) * * *

(xi) For a contract action in an amount estimated to be greater than \$25,000 but not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold, enter (A) a description of the procedures to be used in awarding the contract (e.g., request for quotation or solicitation) and (B) the anticipated award date.

(xiv) In the case of noncompetitive contract actions insert a statement of the reason justifying other than full and open competition, and identify the intended source(s) (see 5.207(e)(3)).

19. Section 5.301 is amended by adding a new (b)(7) to read as follows:

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5.301 General.

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 - (b) * * *

(7) The contract action is for an amount greater than \$25,000 but not greater than the simplified acquisition threshold, the contract action is made by a contracting activity that has been certified as having implemented a system with interim (until December 31, 1999) or full (after December 31, 1999) FACNET, and the contract action has been made through FACNET.

20. Section 5.303 is amended by revising the introductory text of paragraph (b) to read as follows:

5.303 Announcement of contract awards.

(b) *Local announcement*. Agencies may also release information on contract awards to the local press or other media. When local announcements are made for contract awards in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold in 13.000, they shall include—

21. Section 5.503 is amended by revising paragraph (c)(1), to read as follows:

5.503 Procedures.

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(c) *Forms.* (1) When contracting directly with the media for advertising, contracting officers:

(i) Shall use Standard Form 26, Award/Contract, or Standard Form 1447, Solicitation/Contract, when the dollar amount of the acquisition exceeds the simplified acquisition threshold; or

(ii) May use Optional Form 347, Order for Supplies or Services, or an approved agency form, when the dollar amount of the acquisition does not exceed the threshold for use of simplified acquisition procedures (see Part 13).

PART 6—COMPETITION REQUIREMENTS

22. Section 6.001 is amended by revising paragraph (a) to read as follows:

6.001 Applicability.

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(a) Contracts awarded using the simplified acquisition procedures of Part 13;

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