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Why?

• The Intent of the Streamlined Process is to Reduce the Time Spent on Competitions While Still Determining the Most Cost-Effective Way of Performing the Activities Under Study
Streamlined Competitions Under Revised Circular, 10 USC 2461 & DoD

- **Streamlined Competitions**
  - May be used for 65 or less FTEs
    - 10 USC 2461 \(\Rightarrow\) limits DoD to 50 or less FTEs
  - Market surveys allowed in lieu of solicitations
    - FY 2004 DoD Appropriations Act, Section 8014 \(\Rightarrow\) Most Efficient Organization required for DoD streamlined competitions if 10 or more FTEs
  - No Party Can Contest Any Aspect of A Competition That Was Performed Without the Issuance of A Solicitation (Note: GAO Will Take Protest Jurisdiction if a Solicitation is Issued)
  - 10% Cost differential removed
    - FY 2004 DoD Appropriations Act, Section 8014 \(\Rightarrow\) adds cost differential back in for DoD competitions with 10 or more FTEs
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• Time Limit
  – 90 Calendar Days - or 135 if MEO is Developed

• Streamlined Competition Form
  – Calculates Cost of Agency/ Private Sector/Public Reimbursable
  – Three Separate Individuals Make Separate Certifications

• Firewalls
  – Still Necessary
Streamlined Competition Process

THE STREAMLINED COMPETITION PROCESS

COMPETITION

Preliminary Planning

RECOMPETITION

Make Public Announcement (Start Date)

Develop Cost Estimate

Make Performance Decision (End Date)

Award Contract Or Issue Agreement

Perform Post Competition Accountability
Based on Statistics From the 2003 Round of Completed Streamlined Studies
- Typically, Very Small Studies Produce Little if Any Savings

Should Not Be Initiated Simply to Meet Goals or Targets
- Business Case Analysis Should Show Savings Projections
- Sound Expected Return on Investment Should Be Documented

Consideration Should Be Given to Combining Logical Activities for Study in Order to Produce Studies That Have Greater Potential for Savings
Controversy in Streamlined Studies

• A Double Edged Sword…..
  - In FY 2003, over 90% Of Streamlined Competitions Were Retained In-House, Produced Little Savings & Cost Millions, Causing OMB & Private Industry Much Concern About the Process …
  - A Streamlined Competition Performed Without Developing an MEO Can Be Viewed By Employees As NOT Allowing The Government the Opportunity To Compete …

• The Bottom Line - In the Future There is no Doubt That There Will Be Increased Scrutiny on Streamlined Competitions
In Conclusion.....

• It is Imperative that Close Coordination be Maintained With DLA HQ Competitive Sourcing Office in All Aspects of the Streamlined Process

• Documentation of Decisions to Perform Streamlined Competitions are Critical to Avoid Even the Appearance of Missteps in this Arena