

E-1.4 Source Selection Team Roles and Responsibilities

Key Components of the Source Selection Team (SST)

The Procuring Contracting Officer (PCO).

Early in the acquisition process, the PCO will work with program personnel to ensure the acquisition strategy includes identifying, acquiring, licensing, and enforcing the U.S. Government's rights to IP, data deliverables, and associated rights necessary to support operation, maintenance, installation, training (OMIT); modernization; and sustainment of a system or service throughout the acquisition lifecycle.

Work with the Program Manager (PM) to: 1) clearly define the overall requirement; 2) determine what IP, data deliverables, and associated license rights are necessary to achieve lifecycle goals; and 3) include in the solicitation/contract.

Negotiate for IP, data deliverables, and associated license rights early in the acquisition lifecycle and/or when competition exists in order to achieve a more affordable cost/price for the Government.

Provide business advice regarding IP strategy to PMs and Product Support Managers, as appropriate.

Assist in crafting the evaluation criteria.

Legal Counsel.

Consult cognizant legal offices (IP Attorney and/or Patent Attorney, if available) for detailed advice on IP, data deliverables, and associated license rights. Include IP Attorney or Patent Attorney if available, as an additional legal advisor to the source selection team.

Program Manager (PM) / Requiring Activity (RA).

Establish an Integrated Product Team (IPT) including subject matter experts (SMEs) from a variety of disciplines, including early coordination with PCOs and an IP or patent attorney.

In conjunction with Materiel Developers (MATDEVs), prepare an IP Strategy as a standalone document, or wholly contained within the Acquisition Strategy or Simplified Acquisition Management Plan (SAMP), which is required for all program types covered by DoDI 5010.44, Intellectual Property Acquisition and Licensing, starting at inception of a program. Although a team effort, the PM is ultimately responsible for preparing all comprehensive requirement documentation, subject to approval by the cognizant Milestone Decision Authority or other provisions within the Adaptive Acquisition Framework (AAF) (e.g., Urgent Capability Acquisition, Middle Tier of Acquisition, Major Capability Acquisition, etc.). The development and continuous updating of an effective and robust IP strategy will require active participation of SMEs from a wide variety of disciplines, including but not limited to, engineering, logistics, contracting, cost, and accounting, legal, etc. In addition, Implementation Guidance for Army Directive 2018-26, Enabling Modernization through Management of Intellectual Property, 17 December 2020, Appendix C provides a sample negotiated license.

Ensure program personnel engaged in all stages of the acquisition life cycle have relevant knowledge of the rights and obligations of the Government regarding IP matters, including IP law and regulations.

Identify early in the acquisition process the intellectual property, data deliverables, and associated license rights needed in all phases of a defense business system or weapons system lifecycle.

For identified license rights, identify whether the Government: has already received these rights under another agreement; would be entitled to these license rights by operation of standard DFARS clauses; or would need to negotiate a separate license agreement to receive these license rights.

Support the PCO in development of the negotiation objectives and be accessible for participation in the negotiation process for required IP, data deliverables, and associated license rights.

Coordinate with Product Support Managers, logistics chief, technology lead, or other project office personnel, as appropriate.

Assist in crafting evaluation criteria.

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