

Responsibility

A responsible contractor is one who demonstrates that he is capable of performing the contract requirements. Unlike responsiveness, which must be determined at the time of bid opening, responsibility can be demonstrated at any time prior to award. Therefore, if a contractor is initially found to be non-responsible, he can discuss the matter with the contracting officer and make changes in order to demonstrate that he is, in fact, responsible. To be determined responsible, a bidder must:

- (a) Have adequate financial resources to perform the contract, or the ability to obtain them;
- (b) Be able to comply with the required or proposed delivery or performance schedule, taking into consideration all existing commercial and governmental business commitments;
- (c) Have a satisfactory performance record;
- (d) Have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics;
- (e) Have the necessary organization, experience, accounting and operational controls, and technical skills, or the ability to obtain them;
- (f) Have the necessary production, construction, and technical equipment and facilities, or the ability to obtain them;
- (g) Be otherwise qualified and eligible to receive an award under applicable laws and regulations.

(FAR 9.104).