

# CHANGE REQUEST COVER SHEET

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**Title:** Interagency Procurement

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**Policy OR Guidance:** Guidance

**Section/Text Location Affected:** T3.8.1.A.4

**Summary of Change:** Change reference for Interagency Agreement Templates.

**Reason for Change:** Current reference is incorrect.

**Development, Review, and/or Concurrence:** None

**Target Audience:** FAA Contracting Offices

**Potential Links within FAST for the Change:** None

**Briefing Planned:** No

**ASAG Responsibilities:** None

**Potential Links within FAST for the Change:** None

**Links for New/Modified Forms (or) Documents (LINK 1)** [null](#)

**Links for New/Modified Forms (or) Documents (LINK 2)** [null](#)

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(2) *Best Interest Determination.* Each interagency procurement in which FAA is the requesting agency must be supported by a written best interest determination. The procurement or real property contracting officer (CO), acting within the warrant authority commensurate with the total estimated dollar value of the requirement, approves the determination. If the procurement is valued at \$10 million or more and requires CFO review and approval under AMS Guidance T3.2.1.4, the best interest determination must be done as part of the business case included in the CFO review package. The best interest determination must address the following elements:

(a) *Suitability.* Explain how use of the servicing agency's contract vehicle likely to result in a quality outcome that meets FAA's requirements and schedule, taking into account planning considerations described in AMS Policy 3.2.1

"Procurement Planning." For procurements valued at \$10 million or more, the determination must include information on the market analysis conducted.

(b) *Value*. Explain how use of another Federal agency's contract vehicle the most efficient and cost-effective means of procuring the services, supplies, or real property, as opposed to using a current FAA contract vehicle or placing a new contract directly with a vendor. Any servicing agency fees should be taken into account in assessing value.

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(3) *Templates*. When FAA is the requesting agency in an assisted procurement, the ["Template Interagency Procurement Agreement"](#) in FAST Procurement Forms must be used. The CO must ensure the roles and responsibilities of the respective parties are described clearly in the agreement, including specifics on tasks such as performance monitoring, inspection and acceptance, approval of invoice payments, and restoration and disposition of property. For direct procurements, no interagency agreement document is required, but COs and program office personnel must use any templates required by the servicing agency in placing the order.

(4) *Unsolicited Proposals*. An interagency procurement may be used for acceptance of an unsolicited proposal, in addition to use of a single source contract action as described in AMS Guidance T3.2.2.6.A.5. Unsolicited proposals must be considered and processed in accordance with AMS Policy 3.2.2.6 and AMS Guidance T3.2.2.6 "Unsolicited Proposals," but if an interagency procurement is used instead of a single source action, the interagency procurement best interest determination would replace the single source justification required under T3.2.2.6.A.5(b)(2).

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