

Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR) 6.102 and 8.404

6.102 Use of competitive procedures.

The competitive procedures available for use in fulfilling the requirement for full and open competition are as follows:

(3) **Use of multiple award schedules** issued under the procedures established by the Administrator of General Services consistent with the requirement of 41 U.S.C. 259(b)(3)(A) for the multiple award schedule program of the General Services Administration **is a competitive procedure.**

8.404 Use of Federal Supply Schedules.

(a) *General.* Parts 13 (except 13.303-2(c)(3)), 14, 15, and 19 (except for the requirement at 19.202-1(e)(1)(iii)) do not apply to BPAs or orders placed against Federal Supply Schedules contracts (but see 8.405-5). **BPAs and orders placed against a MAS, using the procedures in this subpart, are considered to be issued using full and open competition** (see 6.102 (d)(3)). **Therefore, when establishing a BPA (as authorized by 13.303-2(c)(3)), or placing orders under Federal Supply Schedule contracts using the procedures of 8.405, ordering activities shall not seek competition outside of the Federal Supply Schedules or synopsise the requirement.**

Link to section 6 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR):

http://www.acquisition.gov/far/current/html/Subpart%206_1.html

Link to section 8.4 of the Federal Acquisition Regulations (FAR):

http://www.acquisition.gov/far/current/html/Subpart%208_4.html