

# TMA Procedures, Guidance, and Information

## PGI 6.5--COMPETITION ADVOCATE

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### 6.502 Duties and responsibilities.

- (1) TRICARE Acquisition Directive – None
- (2) Overview - By statute and in accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), the Competition Advocate must promote competition and report to senior acquisition officials about potential opportunities to compete work. The Chief, Contract Policy/Competition Advocate Division, TRICARE Management Activity (TMA) is designated as the Competition Advocate; refer to DPAP memorandum entitled “Designation as Competition Advocate and Task-Order/Delivery-Order Ombudsman for TRICARE Management Activity”, dated May 21, 2012.
- (3) In addition to or in support of the duties and responsibilities identified at FAR 6.502(b)(1), the TMA Competition Advocate:
  - (a) will implement DoD goals and objectives to enhance competition and the acquisition of commercial items,
  - (b) shall participate in TMA’s acquisition strategy/planning process,
  - (c) shall review and sign the Acquisition Strategy/Plan, prior to submission to the Board of Review. Refer to TMA Procedures, Guidance, and Information (PGI) 207.1 Acquisition Planning and it’s Guide; and TRICARE Acquisition Directive 01-02, Board of Review.
    - i. The Competition Advocate shall approve the Acquisition Strategy/Plan prior to submission to Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP), if applicable.
    - ii. If a Board of Review and/or DPAP approval is not required, the Competition Advocate will sign the Acquisition Strategy/Plan prior to issuance of a quote, bid or solicitation.
  - (d) shall review and approve the Justification and Approval (reference FAR Part 6.303, Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 206.3, and DFARS PGI 206.3) in conjunction with the Contracting the Contracting Officer and others as may be required, when the Acquisition Strategy/Plan proposes to use other than full and open competition.
  - (e) is encouraged to attend DoD Component Competition Advocate’s meetings held quarterly. Meetings are open discussions of competition related matters. When required by DPAP, the Competition Advocate may need to prepare and/or complete an assignment prior to the meeting.