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→ **NOTICE OF PARTIAL SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE (NOV. 1967)**

(a) *General.* A portion of this procurement, as identified elsewhere in the Schedule, has been set aside for award only to one or more small business concerns. Negotiations for award of this set-aside portion will be conducted only with responsible small business concerns who have submitted responsive bids on the non-set-aside portion at a unit price within 120 percent of the highest unit price at which an award is made on the non-set-aside portion. Negotiations shall be conducted with such small business concerns in the following order of priority:

→ **Group 1.** Small business concerns which are also certified-eligible concerns.

Group 2. Small business concerns which are also persistent labor surplus area concerns.

Group 3. Small business concerns which are also substantial labor surplus area concerns.

→ **Group 4.** Small business concerns which are not labor surplus area concerns.

Within each of the above groups, negotiations with such concerns will be in the order of their bids on the non-set-aside portion, beginning with the lowest responsive bid. The set-aside shall be awarded at the highest unit price awarded on the non-set-aside portion, adjusted to reflect transportation and other cost factors which are considered in evaluating bids on the non-set-aside portion, except where a responsive bid has been submitted on the non-set-aside portion at a unit price which when so adjusted is lower than the adjusted highest unit price awarded on the non-set-aside portion but could not be accepted because of quantity limitations or other consideration (such as the bidder's responsibility). In the latter case if the quantity limitation or other considerations do not preclude consideration of the unit price of such unaccepted bid at the time of negotiation for the set-aside portion, a quantity of the set-aside portion equal to the quantity of such unaccepted bid shall be offered to eligible concerns in their order of priority at the adjusted unit price of such unaccepted bid. If no eligible bidder will take the entire quantity so offered at the adjusted unit price of the unaccepted bid, then all eligible concerns in their order of priority shall be offered any lesser portion at the same price. (In the event more than one such unaccepted bid is involved, the same procedure shall be applied successively to each such bid on negotiation for the set-aside portion.) Subject to the conditions set forth below any remaining quantity of the set-aside portion shall be offered to eligible concerns in their order of priority at the adjusted highest unit price awarded on the non-set-aside portion. If such an unaccepted bid is submitted by a concern eligible to participate in the set-aside, such concern must accept a quantity of the set-aside portion equal to the quantity of the unaccepted bid at the adjusted unit price of the unaccepted bid before any portion of the set-aside may be awarded to that concern at a higher price. If such an unaccepted bid is submitted by a concern not eligible to participate in the set-aside, a quantity of the set aside portion equal to the unaccepted bid must be awarded at the adjusted unit price of such unaccepted bid before any portion of the set-aside is awarded to any eligible concern at a higher price. The Government reserves the right not to consider token bids or other devices designed to secure an unfair advantage over other bidders eligible for the set-aside portion. The partial set-aside of this procurement for small business concerns is based on a determination by the Contracting Officer, alone or in conjunction with a representative of the Small Business Administration, that it is in the interest of maintaining or mobilizing the Nation's full productive capacity, or in the interest of war or national defense programs, or in the interest of assuring that a fair portion of Government procurement is placed with small business concerns.

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