



Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC)

Standard Process

for

*Pre-Award Acquisition Strategy (AS) and*

*Request for Proposal (RFP) Development*

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Record of Changes		
Version	Effective Date	Summary
1.0	16 May 2013	Basic document. AFLCMC Standards & Process (S&P) Board on 18 Apr 2013 directed revisions. Approved by AFLCMC S&P Board on 16 May 2013
1.1	14 Nov 2013	Update to Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) numbering and diagram. Updated work days to calendar days. Included reference to developed metrics tool.
1.2	27 Jan 2014	Revised metrics. Revision approved by AFLCMC S&P Board on 23 Jan 2014
1.3	17 Mar 2014	Updated links and modified some terms.
2.0	25 Nov 2014	Revised cycle times for “Develop Acquisition Strategy (AS)” and “Develop Request for Proposal (RFP)” in <b>Figure 1</b> , <b>Figure 2</b> , and WBS. Changed standard process start date from the submittal of the Presidential Budget Request (PBR) to Milestone Decision Authority (MDA) signature date of the Program Charter, Acquisition Decision Memorandum (ADM), or similar document. Sample Program Charter included as attachment. Clarified process to be used for RFP changes after Standard Process completion.
2.1	25 Mar 2015	<b>Figure 1</b> – Top Level Process Flowchart updated to include sub-process cycle times. <b>Figure 2</b> – Process Flowchart updated to include PBR Submittal as potential program start date. Reference to Proposal Evaluation Team Plan (PETP) for sole source acquisitions included under Tools paragraph (7.8).
2.2	07 Mar 2016	Updated to add SMART Metric attribute to paragraph 5.0
2.3	26 May 2016	Updated links and modified <b>Figure 2</b> – Process Flowchart and WBS 1.3 to reference AFLCMC Memo dated 8 Mar 2016 concerning the Multi-Function Independent Review Team (MIRT) for Critical Decision Point (CPD) 1
2.4	12 Jan 2018	Updated links and removed Paragraph 7.3 Acquisition Documentation Development and Management (ADDM) Link. ADDM is no longer maintained. Added Paragraph 7.8 to include link for Incorporating T&E into DoD Acquisition Contract Guide.
2.5	19 Apr 2019	Updated MIRT guidance per SAF/AQC Policy Memo 19-C-03, 12 Feb 19. Removed “with OSD

		oversight”, as it is not tied to the $\geq$ \$50M threshold. Approved by S&P Board on 19 Apr 2019.
2.6	20 Nov 2020	Removed “total cycle time” metric per S&P Board guidance on 20 Aug 20. Updated graphics and WBS to remove metric. Updated links. Changed FedBizOpps references to System for Award Management (SAM.gov). Removed references to rescinded RAD process. Updated guidance on MIRTs. Added note about Class Deviation on Peer Reviews. Added link to DAU’s Adaptive Acquisition Framework (AAF) website. Added links to more Tools in 7.0. Approved by SP&P Group on 19 Nov 2020

## *AS Approval and RFP Development*

### **1.0 Description.**

- 1.1 The AS is the overall strategy for managing programs from initiation through post production support. An AS is required for all acquisition programs regardless of the acquisition category (e.g., ACAT I, IA, II, III, SCAT, FMS, and Other Programs)/ acquisition pathway (Urgent Capability Acquisition, Middle Tier of Acquisition, Major Capability Acquisition, Software Acquisition, Defense Business Systems, and Acquisition of Services) utilized and must be approved by the Milestone Decision Authority (MDA)/ Decision Authority (DA) (henceforth identified as MDA) under the advisement of the Acquisition Strategy Panel (ASP) (AFI 63-101/20-101). Acquisition planning should begin as soon as the agency need has been identified, but not later than the submittal of the Presidential Budget Request (PBR) Congressional Budget Item Justification documentation (p-doc, r-doc, etc.) for the program. For Foreign Military Sales (FMS) programs, acquisition planning should begin upon receipt of a validated Letter of Request (LOR), but no later than when the final country (if multiple) signs the Letter of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) or LOA Amendment. In defining an AS, teams may need to select the most appropriate Adaptive Acquisition Framework (AAF) acquisition pathway given their unique program requirements (see DAU's AAF website in Tools section below). The AS also defines the approach to provide maximum practicable opportunities to small business, to maximize competition, and to promote use of commercial products and technologies.
- 1.2 As the AS begins to be identified, the RFP development process can begin. The RFP is a collaborative effort between government stakeholders to develop clear, concise, well-written government requirements to help industry respond to the government's needs. Draft RFPs can be used to obtain industry feedback prior to issuance of the final RFP. This top-level standard process (**Figure 1**) describes the AS and RFP development for a supply or service-type acquisition program (either competitive or sole source) using a Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) based contract  $\geq$ \$50M. A requirements approval process is used to identify and obtain approval of requirements as applicable (see AFI 63-101 and AFI 63-138 for guidance and exemptions).

### **2.0 Purpose.**

- 2.1 The purpose of the AS and RFP process is to consistently develop effective acquisition strategies along with clear, well written requests for proposals to ensure that industry responds appropriately to government requirements to best deliver systems or services that support Department of Defense (DoD) capabilities.
- 2.2 The intent of this process document is to be a top-level road map to train the acquisition team in the development of their AS and RFP.

### **3.0 Potential Entry/Exit Criteria and Inputs/Outputs.**

- 3.1 AS: The entry point for the AS is the acquisition planning start date as indicated by the MDA on the Program Charter, Acquisition Decision Memorandum (ADM), or similar document that initially establishes program objectives, resources, and assigns authority and accountability (Note: For investment-funded programs, the acquisition planning

must start no later than the submittal of the PBR Congressional Budget Item Justification documentation (p-doc, r-doc, etc.) for the program). A sample Program Charter is included as an attachment (See Attachment 1). The exit point is an approved AS and signed ASP minutes or ADM (See **Figure 1**). (If the ASP determines that sufficient funding or requirements have not been provided to support the recommendation, it may either approve the AS contingent upon Program Manager (PM) follow-up actions or disapprove the recommended AS until further analysis can be completed).

- 3.2 RFP: The entry point for initiating development of the RFP (either sole source or competitive) is the same as the AS. The exit point is the RFP release (Note: In instances where the contracting activity is not co-located with the MDA, there needs to be close coordination with the cognizant Contracting Authority prior to release of a solicitation package.)

#### 4.0 Process Workflow and Activities.

##### 4.1 Supplier Input Process Output and Customers (SIPOC), **Table 1**.

**Table 1. SIPOC**

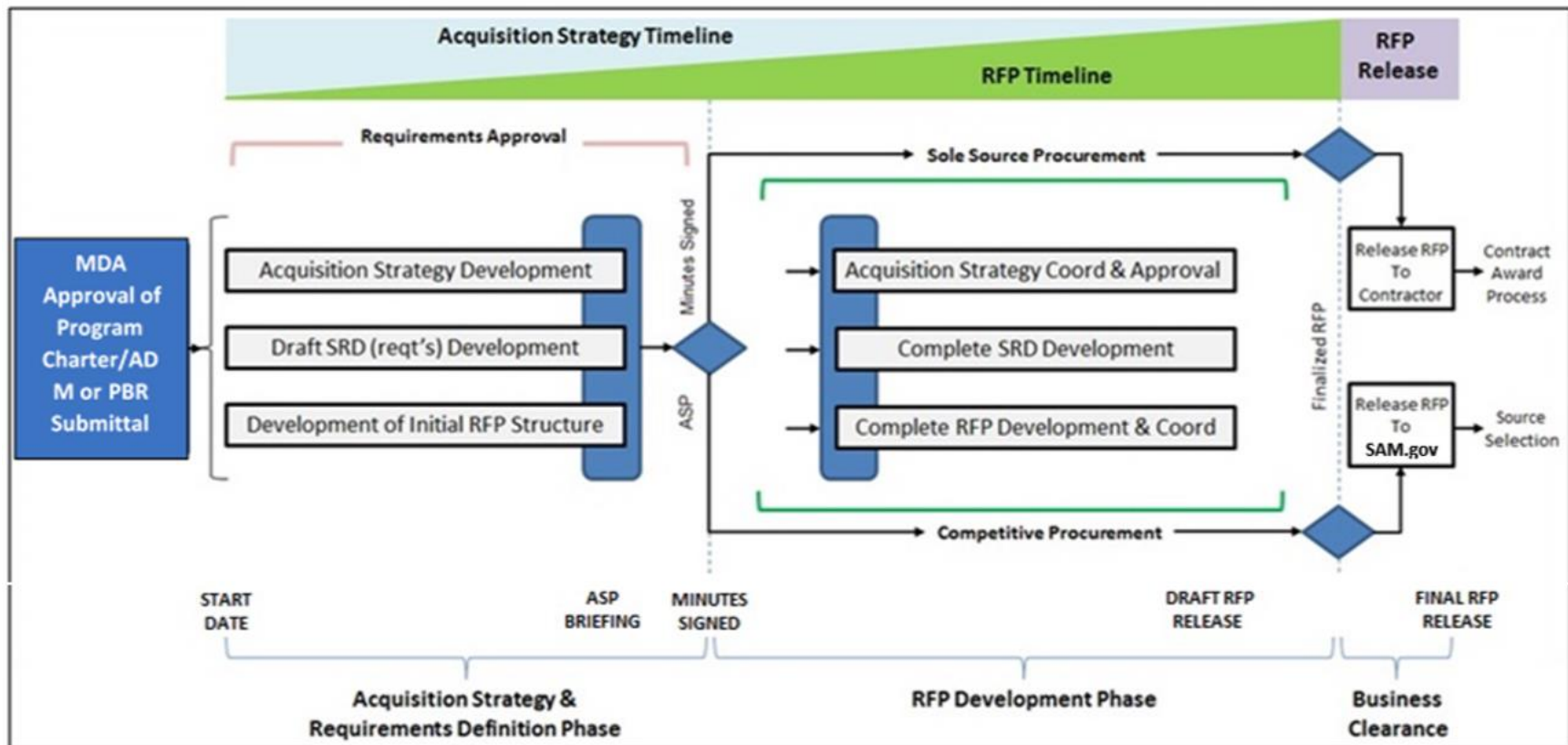
Suppliers <i>Process Owner</i>	Inputs <i>Inputs Required to Execute Process</i>	Process <i>Process Description</i>	Outputs <i>Standardized Process Training</i>	Customers <i>Who Receives Output</i>
PM and Stakeholders	Signed Program Charter, ADM, Transition Support Plan (TSP), or similar document, submitted PBR, signed LOA or LOA Amendment (if FMS).	Development of AS or Addendum to an Existing AS.	Signed AS Document and Signed ASP Minutes	Program Acquisition Team
PM and Stakeholders	Signed AS approving Sole-Source AS	Development of a Sole-Source RFP	Approved Justification and Approval (J&A) and Formal RFP	Program Acquisition Team and Contractor
PM and Source Selection Evaluation Board (SSEB) Chair	Signed AS approving competitive AS	Development of a Competitive RFP and identify source selection team	Formal RFP Signed SSP	Program Acquisition Team and Industry

- 4.2 Process Flowchart: The top-level process flowchart below, **Figure 1**, represents the essential tasks for the AS and RFP development process for both supply and service-type contracts. As you can see in **Figure 1**, development of the draft AS and RFP can be accomplished with some concurrency. This includes the concurrent requirements approval process for service type contracts (Note: for services contracts, a requirements approval is not needed if there is an approved AS; see AFI 63-138 for guidance and

exemptions). The top-level development activities are further defined in **Figure 2** for both a sole-source acquisition and a competitive acquisition.

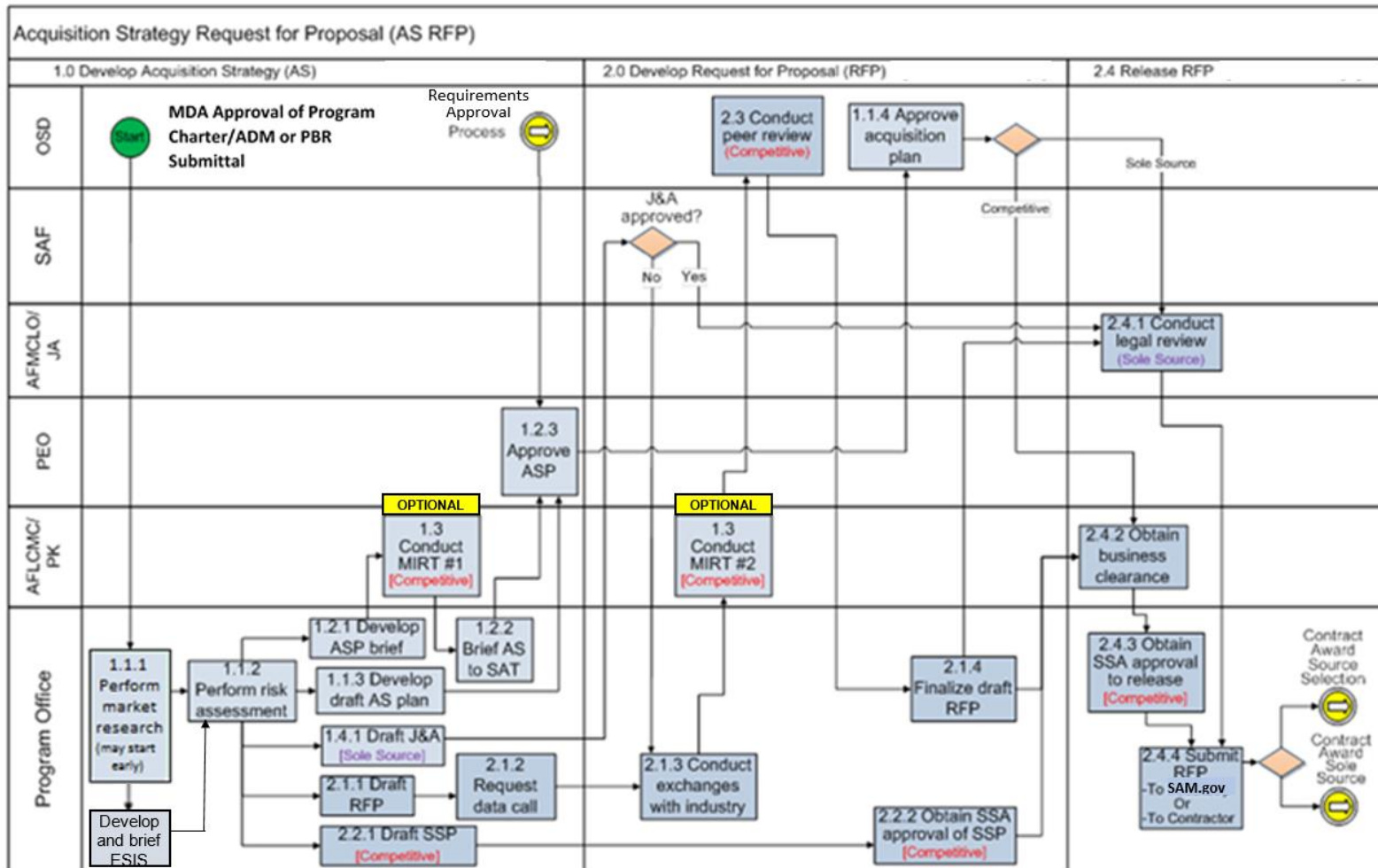
- 4.3 Work Breakdown Structure (WBS): The attached WBS provides additional detail for the activities shown in the process flowcharts. For an MS Excel version of the WBS see **Attachment 2**. Extracts from the WBS are at **Attachment 3** for both a sole-source acquisition and a competitive acquisition. WBS activities may be utilized to form the basis of the schedule or tailoring can be done to add columns of supporting information.
- 4.4 Additional work tables, figures, or checklists: N/A

Figure 1. Top-Level Process Flowchart



Note: The requirements approval process (see AFI 63-101 and AFI 63-138 for guidance and exemptions) is concurrent with the AS Development process and must be completed before the RFP can be released.

**Figure 2. Process Flowchart**



Note: Process is based on FAR-based Contracts  $\geq$ \$50M.

\*MIRTs reviews are considered a best practice, but are not mandatory ([AF PGI 5301.9001\(b\)](#))

\*Regarding 2.3 Peer Review, Defense Pricing and Contracting will only conduct Peer Reviews for MDAPs above \$1B for which USD (A&S) is the MDA and USD (A&S) special interest programs ([USD \(A&S\) Memo Class Deviation - Peer Reviews of Contracts for Supplies and Services 2019-00010 20 Aug 19](#))



## **5.0 Measurement.**

- 5.1 Per AFLCMC/CV initial guidance at the Apr 2019 S&P Board and confirmed at the Aug 2020 S&P Board, the “AS & RFP Development Total Cycle Time” metric was determined to not support the standard process, so tracking was discontinued and a waiver was granted to the metric requirement.
- 5.2 After the RFP is released and prior to receipt of proposals, the PM will initiate a review with representatives from the Program Office, the Acquisition Center of Excellence (ACE), Contracting, Finance, etc. to capture lessons learned and identify possible areas for process improvements. Existing [Lessons Learned and Best Practices](#) can be found on the ACE Homepage.

## **6.0 Roles and Responsibilities**

- 6.1 AFLCMC/AQ (Process Owner) is responsible to:
  - 6.1.1 Maintain and coordinate any changes to the “Pre-Award AS and RFP Process” in the [AFLCMC Process Directory](#). HQ AFLCMC/AQ will also solicit feedback from process users on an annual basis to assist in the identification of possible process improvements. HQ AFLCMC/AQ will also take the lead to make timely revisions to the standard process and obtain AFLCMC Standard Processes and Products (SP&P) Group approval as required.
- 6.2 PM is responsible to:
  - 6.2.1 Contact PEO Program Execution Group (PEG)/Directors Action Group (DAG) to obtain the most current ASP Template. Coordinate with all stakeholders to solicit input and develop the ASP briefing and all supporting documentation to provide the ASP Chair with the best viable AS and identify any key program issues.

**7.0 Tools.** At this time, there are no mandated tools for the AS and RFP development process; however, the following list of websites may be useful to the PM.

- 7.1 Air Force Contracting Central:  
<https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/10059/afcc/pages/default.aspx>
- 7.2 ACE Homepage (includes information on Digital Acquisition and both sole source and competitive Gameboards):  
<https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/21596/default.aspx>
- 7.3 Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Acquisition Resources:  
<https://www.dau.edu/>
- 7.4 DAU’s Adaptive Acquisition Framework (AAF) Website (includes information on the six acquisition pathways):  
<https://aaf.dau.edu/>
- 7.5 Program Manager’s Toolbox:  
<https://hanscomnet.hanscom.af.mil/pmtb/alpha.html>

7.6 Seven Steps to a Services Contract:

<https://pba.app.cloud.gov/app/#/pba>

7.7 AFLCMC Engineering Guide to Writing RFP Technical Content (Restricted Access):

<https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/23230/RFPResource/SitePages/Home.aspx>

7.8 Proposal Evaluation Team Plan (PETP) is a tool used in Sole Source Acquisitions to establish and execute a plan of action to develop an RFP and evaluate a contractor's proposal in a timely and efficient manner. The template is located at:

<https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/21596/Library/Acquisition%20Planning/Templates/PETP%20Template%20for%20Sole%20Source%20Contract%20Award.xlsx>

7.8.1 The PETP covers:

7.8.1.1 Activities needed to develop an RFP (including J&A), prepare for receipt of a proposal, proposal evaluation, and contract award (includes OPRs, start/end dates, inputs/outputs).

7.8.1.2 Team member expectations and responsibilities.

7.8.1.3 RFP Requirements/Ground Rules & Assumptions enables a common understanding of the RFP requirements and how the team will operate (includes distribution plans, ROEs, communication plans, battle rhythm meetings, evaluation framework, templates, Work-in-Process board use, file structure, etc.)

7.9 Incorporating Test & Evaluation (T&E) into DoD Acquisition Contract Guide:

[https://www.dau.edu/guidebooks/Shared%20Documents/Incorporating%20T\\_E%20into%20DoD%20Acquisition%20Contracts%20\(RFP%20Buddy\).pdf](https://www.dau.edu/guidebooks/Shared%20Documents/Incorporating%20T_E%20into%20DoD%20Acquisition%20Contracts%20(RFP%20Buddy).pdf)

7.10 AFLCMC Environmental, Safety, Occupational Health (ESOH) Central SharePoint is a repository of references, training, and documents that will assist in ensuring ESOH Risk Management, National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and National Aerospace Standard (NAS) 411 are incorporated into the AS and RFP:

<https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/20608/ESOH/SitePages/Home.aspx>

7.11 FAR Part 34 addresses Major System Acquisition and AS requirements:

[https://www.acquisition.gov/far/part-34#FAR\\_34\\_004](https://www.acquisition.gov/far/part-34#FAR_34_004)

7.12 Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) Guiding Principles for Fair Opportunity Selection Under Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 16.505(b)(1) provides detailed guidance on Fair Opportunity Ordering Procedures. These procedures offer flexibility and time savings utilizing less formal FAR 16.505 competitive contracting strategies:

[https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/PK-Central/afcc/afmc\\_pk\\_mp\\_ig/fairoo/forms/allitems.aspx](https://usaf.dps.mil/teams/PK-Central/afcc/afmc_pk_mp_ig/fairoo/forms/allitems.aspx)

**8.0 Training.** Depending on your location, some or all of the following training modules may be available. Contact your local ACE for further details.

8.1 Requirements Definition:

8.1.1 Market Research

- 8.2 Strategy Development:
  - 8.2.1 Pre-Award Schedule
  - 8.2.2 Risk Workshop
  - 8.2.3 AS Planning Assistance
  - 8.2.4 AS Process Training
- 8.3 RFP Development:
  - 8.3.1 Sections L&M Workshop

## **9.0 Definitions, Guiding Principles or Ground Rules & Assumptions.**

- 9.1 Process: While this standard process outlines the activities for an acquisition using a FAR-based contract  $\geq$ \$50M (**Figure 2**), it will accommodate all types of acquisitions with minor adjustments for appropriate approval levels and Multi-Function Independent Review Team (MIRT)/Peer reviews as required. While the requirements approval and SRD processes have been identified in **Figures 1** and **2**, AFLCMC/AQ does not own these processes.
- 9.2 “As-Is” Process: While this initial “as-is” standard process is considered a baseline, it will be acceptable to make minor “fixes” as long as the process still complies with overarching policy and guidance. An assumption has also been made that the RFP developed under this process will be used to initiate the *Standard Process for Contract Award (Sole Source)* or the *Standard Process for Contract Award (Source Selection)*. Once the RFP has been released, any changes to the competitive RFP will be addressed by formal amendments to the RFP. Changes to a sole source RFP will be addressed through amendments to the RFP.
- 9.3 “To-Be” Process: Once the baseline “as-is” process is established, the next step is to optimize the “to-be” process. This process should also be reviewed annually to optimize the process and provide lessons learned.

## **10.0 References to Law, Policy, Instructions or Guidance.** Process standardization is required by the AFMC and AFLCMC Strategic Plans. References that relate to this process can be found within the attachments below:

- 10.1 Attachment 1: Sample Program Charter
- 10.2 Attachment 2: Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) Excel
- 10.3 Attachment 3: Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)

**Attachment 1: Sample Program Charter**

**AFLCMC Directorate Name**

**Program Charter**

**Program Name:**

**Program Manager:**

**Date:**

**Acquisition Strategy Panel (ASP):**

The ASP for this program shall be conducted no later than \_\_\_\_\_ in accordance with the AFLCMC Pre-Award Acquisition Strategy (AS) and Request for Proposal (RFP) Standard Process.

The date of this document herein initiates the acquisition planning process.

PEO Signature Block

## **Attachment 2: Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) Excel**

  
AS RFP WBS  
19Nov2020.xlsx

### Attachment 3: Work Breakdown Structure

Process Name: Pre-Award Acquisition Strategy and RFP Development  
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WBS	Activity	Activity Description	OPR	Supplier	Input	Output	Customer	Tool	Reference or Guide
0	<b>Acquisition Strategy Request For Proposal (AS RFP)</b>	The Acquisition Strategy (AS) is the overall strategy for managing programs from initiation through post production support. The Request for Proposal (RFP) is a collaborative effort between the government stakeholders and industry to develop clear, concise, well-written government requirements to help industry respond to the government's needs.	Warfighter and IPT	Warfighter, PM, PK, FM, Technical Team (Engineering, Logistics, Test, Information Protection, etc.)	Presidents Budget Request (PBR) Congressional Budget Item Justification documentation	RFP approved for release	Warfighter and PM		
1.0	<b>Develop Acquisition Strategy (AS) document</b>	Process start date is the Acquisition Planning Start Date as indicated by the MDA on the Program Charter, ADM, or similar document (implemented LOA for FMS) that initially establishes program objectives, resources, and assigns authority and accountability. During this activity, the PM is developing the best acquisition strategy for the program.	Warfighter and IPT	Warfighter, PM, PK, FM, Technical Team (Engineering, Logistics, Test, Information Protection, etc.)	Acquisition Decision Memorandum (ADM), ICD, CDD, AF Form 1067, or other requirement document	Initial program plan, Prelim Schedule, SRD	Warfighter and PM	DOORS (or similar requirements tracing tool)	CJCSI 3170.01H; FAR Part 11; AFI 63-101 AFI 10-601; DAG Ch 4; AS Template Outline
1.1	<b>Develop AS document</b>	Develop AS document. During this process the capability requirements are being translated into performance requirements (Systems Requirements Document (SRD)) and all key viable alternatives are being considered.	Warfighter and IPT	Warfighter, PM, PK, FM, PEO Senior Functionals, Technical Team (Engineering, Logistics, Test, Information Protection, etc.)	Acquisition Decision Memorandum (ADM) ICD, CDD, AF Form 1067, CONOPS, etc.	Initial program plan, Prelim Schedule, SRD	Warfighter and PM	DOORS (or similar requirements tracing tool)	CJCSI 3170.01H; FAR Part 11; AFI 63-101 AFI 10-601; DAG Ch 4; AS Template Outline
1.1.1	Perform market research and develop/brief Early Strategy and Issues Session (ESIS)	Perform market research. Develop and brief ESIS. Initiate preliminary AS development and continue to update affordability analysis.	PM and PCO	Industry	Requirements Request for Information (RFI)	Market Research Analysis Assessment	PM, PCO Small Business Office, Warfighter	<a href="https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/21596/Library/Training%20Catalog%20Files/03%20Market%20Research%20Training.pptx">https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/21596/Library/Training%20Catalog%20Files/03%20Market%20Research%20Training.pptx</a>	FAR Part 2, 7, and 10
1.1.2	Perform risk assessment	Update existing risk assessment performed in the development process in accordance with the Risk and Issue Management Key Process.	PM	All IPT Functionals	Risk Assessment Profile	Updated Risk Assessment Profile	PM and MDA	ACE Risk Workshop and the RI3 Tool for Illities and Integration Risks	AFI 63-101, AFPAM 63-128
1.1.3	Develop draft AS document	Develop draft AS document and submit for approval and signature to MDA	PM						
1.1.4	Approve AS document	Review and approve the AS document	OSD						
1.2	<b>Conduct Acquisition Strategy Panel (ASP)</b>	Recommend AS to include high-level evaluation factors to the ASP for approval. Produce formal minutes.	PM	PM	Acquisition Strategy Briefing, ADM	ASP Minutes AS document Approval	MDA		FAR Part 7 and AFFARS IG 5307.104-92
1.2.1	Develop ASP Briefing								
1.2.2	Brief ASP								
1.2.3	ASP Minutes Signed	Obtain Acquisition Strategy Panel (ASP) approval with ASP minutes signed	MDA						
1.3	<b>Conduct Multi-Functional Independent Review Team (MIRT)</b>	A MIRT review is optional for programs (competitive; N/A for sole source) and may be replaced with existing review processes. MIRT/Existing Review #1 is done prior to briefing the the ASP and MIRT/Existing Review #2 is done prior to RFP release.	PCO and AFLCMC/ PZC	PCO and AFLCMC/PZC	ASP Briefing and Draft AS document	MIRT Minutes	PM and MDA	MIRT Comment Matrix	MP 5301.9001(b)

### Attachment 3: Work Breakdown Structure

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1.4	Develop Justification and Approval (J&A)	Develop J&A to justify and obtain appropriate approvals to contract without providing for full and open competition as required by the FAR. J&A is required for sole source acquisitions.	PM and PCO	PM	Draft AS and Justification for Sole Source	AS Approval	SAF		FAR Subpart 6.3, FAR Subpart 5.2, FAR Part 6.302 and FAR Part 24.202
1.4.1	Draft and socialize J&A								
1.4.2	Obtain J&A approval								
2.0	Develop RFP	The RFP can be initiated concurrently with the AS development.	PM and PCO	PM and all Stakeholders	PBR Submittal Requirements	Draft RFP	Industry	ConWrite	FAR Part 15, MP5332.7, and Template Outlines
2.1	Develop RFP	Develop a draft request for proposal (RFP). Begin working with all government stakeholders to develop contract structure and type, identify product support requirements, develop delivery schedules, develop and approve contract data requirements lists (CDRLs), make an DD 254 determination, etc. Once the MDA has approved the proposed acquisition strategy, begin soliciting feedback on the Draft RFP from contractor.	PM and PCO	PM and all Stakeholders	PBR Submittal Requirements	Draft RFP	Industry	ConWrite	FAR Part 15, MP5332.7, and Template Outlines
2.1.1	Coordinate Requirements Document with Lead Command	Programs must coordinate the requirement document used in conjunction with the RFP with the requiring Lead Command. The level of coordination is based on the program's ACAT as follows: ACAT I, IA - PEO to Lead Command Commander; ACAT II - PEO to Lead Command Vice Commander; ACAT III - PM to Lead Command Director of Requirements	PM	PM or PEO	Requirements Document (SRD, etc.) and Supporting Documentation	Coordinated Requirements Document	Lead Command		AFI 63-101/20-101 Paragraph 3.8 and MIL-HDBK-520
2.1.2	Develop draft RFP								
2.1.3	Request data call								
2.1.4	Conduct exchanges with industry								
2.1.5	Finalize Draft RFP								
2.2	Develop Source Selection Plan (SSP)	Prepare Source Selection Plan (SSP). Note: SSP must be approved before the RFP can be released. [For competitive acquisitions]	Source Selection Evaluation Board (SSEB) Chair	Source Selection Authority (SSA)	Draft RFP	Approved SSP	SSEB Chair	<a href="https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/10059/afcc/pages/default.aspx">https://cs2.eis.af.mil/sites/10059/afcc/pages/default.aspx</a>	FAR Part 15.3, DOD Source Selection Procedures Para 2.2
2.2.1	Develop draft SSP		PM						
2.2.2	Obtain SSA approval and signature		SSA						
2.3	Conduct PEER review	For competitive acquisitions, a peer review must be accomplished on all MDAP programs ≥\$1B and special interest programs for which USD (A&S) is the Milestone Decision Authority.	USD(AT&L)	Peer Review Team	ADM, APB Draft AS, Final RFP	Peer Review Minutes	AT&L, MDA		DOD Policy Letter, Peer Reviews of Contracts for Supplies and Services, 20 Aug 19
2.4	Release solicitation	Obtain approval to release request for proposal (RFP).							
2.4.1	Conduct legal review	For sole source acquisitions, obtain legal review for legal sufficiency.	PCO and AFMC LO	PCO	MDD ADM, ASP Minutes, Final RFP, Signed AS	RFP approved for release	PCO		MP 5301.9001(c)
2.4.2	Obtain business clearance	For competitive acquisitions, obtain Business Clearance approval to release the Formal RFP.	PCO, AFLCMC/PK, and AFMC LO	PCO	MDD ADM, ASP Minutes, Final RFP, Signed AS	RFP approved for release	PCO		MP 5301.9001(f)
2.4.3	Obtain SSA approval to release	For competitive acquisitions, obtain source selection authority (SSA) approval to release request for proposal (RFP)							
2.4.4	Submit formal solicitation	For competitive acquisitions, submit formal solicitation to <b>SAM.gov</b> . For sole source acquisition, submit formal solicitation to <b>contractor</b> .							
	STOP								