

## 12.204 Solicitation/contract form.

(a) The contracting officer shall use the [Standard Form 1449](#), Solicitation/Contract/Order for Commercial Items, if (1) the acquisition is expected to exceed the simplified acquisition threshold; (2) a paper solicitation or contract is being issued; and (3) procedures at [12.603](#) are not being used. Use of the [SF 1449](#) is nonmandatory but encouraged for commercial acquisitions not exceeding the simplified acquisition threshold.

(b) Consistent with the requirements at [5.203](#)(a) and (h), the contracting officer may allow fewer than 15 days before issuance of the solicitation.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 12.2 - Special Requirements for the Acquisition of Commercial Items](#)