

***Renumbered 3/28/2016***

**63G-6a-502 Purpose of request for information.**

- (1) The purpose of a request for information is to:
  - (a) obtain information, comments, or suggestions from potential bidders or offerors before issuing an invitation for bids or request for proposals;
  - (b) determine whether to issue an invitation for bids or a request for proposals; and
  - (c) generate interest in a potential invitation for bids or a request for proposals.
- (2) A request for information may be useful in order to:
  - (a) prepare to issue an invitation for bids or request for proposals for an unfamiliar or complex procurement;
  - (b) determine the market availability of a procurement item; or
  - (c) determine best practices, industry standards, performance standards, product specifications, and innovations relating to a procurement item.