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1 Introduction. This Instruction describes the National Weather Service (NWS) competitive sourcing responsibilities and procedures.

2. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Executive Office of the President, Office of Federal Procurement Policy issued a revised OMB Circular No. A-76 on May 19, 2003. This Circular describes the procedures and policies associated with requirements of the Federal Activities Inventory Reform (FAIR) Act and policies and procedures for A-76 studies. Copies of the Circular may be obtained at the OMB home page at http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_index-procure

3. Department of Commerce (DOC) A-76 Information. DOC A-76 policies and information may be obtained from the following website:
http://www.osec.doc.gov/oam/archive/competitive_sourcing.html

4. Roles and Responsibilities:

- a. The Assistant Administrator for Weather Services has overall responsibility for A-76 activities;
- b. The Office of the Chief Financial Officer provides guidance and coordination on the FAIR Act and A-76 matters; and
- c. The financial Management Center conducting a competitive sourcing A-76 study is responsible for planning and carrying out the study in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-76 and other federal regulations.