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COMPETITIVE SOURCING (OMB CIRCULAR A-76)**

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Signed

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Competitive Sourcing (OMB Circular A-76)

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 29, 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 website below.
https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_a076_a76_incl_tech_correction/

3. 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.