

**I-FSS-90 PREFERENCE FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERNS
(APR 1996)**

Offerors are advised that the following statement will be included in the resultant Federal Supply Schedule: Where two or more items at the same delivered price will meet the ordering agency's needs equally well, selection should be based on preference for the item of a small business concern that is also a labor surplus area concern. In making a selection on that basis, the same order of priority shall be used as that established for processing equal low bids in FAR 14.408-6. In making such a selection, the information in the Federal Supply Schedule as to the business size status or points of production of Contractors may be used for preliminary, but not conclusive, determination as to whether small business policies might be furthered through preferential award of the order. The extent to which additional and current information is obtained by an ordering agency is left to the discretion of the agency which should take into account the size of the order and other factors which the agency considers pertinent.