## 36.605 Government cost estimate for architect-engineer work.

- (a) An independent Government estimate of the cost of *architect-engineer services shall* be prepared and furnished to the *contracting officer* before commencing negotiations for each proposed contract or *contract modification* expected to exceed the *simplified acquisition threshold*. The estimate *shall* be prepared on the basis of a detailed analysis of the required work as though the Government were submitting a proposal.
- (b) Access to information concerning the Government estimate *shall* be limited to Government personnel whose official duties require knowledge of the estimate. An exception to this rule *may* be made during contract negotiations to allow the *contracting officer* to identify a specialized task and disclose the associated cost breakdown figures in the Government estimate, but only to the extent deemed necessary to arrive at a fair and reasonable price. The overall amount of the Government's estimate *shall* not be disclosed except as permitted by agency regulations.

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