

## 37.602 Performance work statement.

(a) A *Performance work statement (PWS)* may be prepared by the Government or result from a *Statement of objectives (SOO)* prepared by the Government where the *offeror* proposes the PWS.

(b) Agencies *shall*, to the maximum extent practicable-

(1) Describe the work in terms of the required results rather than either "how" the work is to be accomplished or the number of hours to be provided (see [11.002\(a\)\(2\)](#) and [11.101](#));

(2) Enable assessment of work performance against measurable performance standards;

(3) Rely on the use of measurable performance standards and financial incentives in a competitive environment to encourage competitors to develop and institute innovative and cost-effective methods of performing the work.

(c) *Offerors* use the SOO to develop the PWS; however, the SOO does not become part of the contract. The SOO *shall*, at a minimum, include-

(1) Purpose;

(2) Scope or mission;

(3) Period and place of performance;

(4) Background;

(5) Performance objectives, *i.e.*, required results; and

(6) Any operating constraints.

**Parent topic:** [Subpart 37.6 - Performance-Based Acquisition](#)