



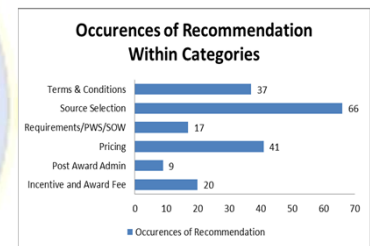
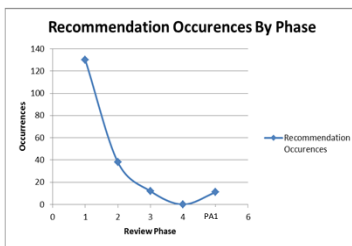
The Peer Review Requirement

Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (DPAP) established the requirement for independent management reviews (or peer reviews) in 2008. The requirement had three primary objectives:

- (1) To ensure that Contracting Officers across the Department are implementing policy and regulations in a consistent and appropriate manner;
- (2) To continue to improve the quality of contracting processes across the Department;
- (3) To facilitate cross-sharing of best practices and lessons learned across the Department

The peer view results are captured in a document maintained on the DPAP website, as of the last update in December 2013, there were 288 observations recorded.

DPAP Peer Review Phases	1) Prior to issuance of the solicitation	(No comparable step)	2) Prior to request for final proposal revisions & 3) Prior to contract award	4) Post-award review		
Contracting Process Phases	1) Procurement Planning	2) Solicitation Planning	3) Solicitation	4) Source Selection	5) Contract Administration	6) Contract Closeout



Categories	Total Occurrences	Occurrences of Recommendation	Percent of Recommendation
Incentive and Award Fee	23	20	86.96 %
Market Research	4	0	0 %
Peer Review	1	0	0 %
Post-Award Admin	35	9	25.71 %
Pricing	46	41	89.13 %
Requirements/PWS/SOW	24	17	70.83 %
Source Selection	115	66	57.39 %
Terms & Conditions	40	37	92.5 %
Total	288	190	65.97 %

Findings

Trends were identified in the peer-review results. Not surprisingly, most of the entries consisted of Recommendation Type Feedback, at 65% of the entries; however, Best Practice Feedback Type was represented at 24% and Lessons Learned at 11%. This demonstrates the DPAP database of peer-review results potential as a tool to spread effective contracting practices throughout DoD. The analysis also showed that the entries were largely Source Selection focused, 110 out of 288 entries pertained to Source Selection. The next most prevalent occurrence within Category Type was Pricing with 46 entries. Potential issues were also indicated with the following Categories: Terms & Conditions, Requirements/PWS/SOW, and Incentive & Award Fee. Those categories amassed 70% or greater Recommendation Type Feedback.